

# 2005 TENNESSEE HUNTING & TRAPPING GUIDE

Regulations apply from August 1, 2005, through July 31, 2006

**Tennessee Wildlife  
Resources Agency**

**[www.tnwildlife.org](http://www.tnwildlife.org)**



**INCLUDES 2006 SPRING TURKEY REGULATIONS**



# TWRA OFFICES

All Office Hours: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
Monday-Friday (local time)

## Central Office - Nashville

Ellington Agricultural Center  
P. O. Box 40747  
Nashville, TN 37204 ..... 615-781-6500  
Boat Registration ..... 615-781-6585  
Boating Safety ..... 615-781-6682  
Director's Office ..... 615-781-6552  
Fisheries Division ..... 615-781-6575  
Law Enforcement ..... 615-781-6580  
Legal ..... 615-781-6606  
License Sales ..... 615-781-6585  
Personnel Division ..... 615-781-6594  
Quota Hunts ..... 615-781-6621  
Wildlife Division ..... 615-781-6610

## West Tennessee - Region I

200 Lowell Thomas Drive  
Jackson, TN 38301 ..... 731-423-5725  
Toll Free ..... 1-800-372-3928  
Fax ..... 731-423-6483

## Middle Tennessee - Region II

Ellington Agricultural Center  
P. O. Box 41489  
Nashville, TN 37204 ..... 615-781-6622  
Toll Free ..... 1-800-624-7406  
Fax ..... 615-831-9995

## Cumberland Plateau - Region III

464 Industrial Blvd.  
Crossville, TN 38555 ..... 931-484-9571  
Toll Free ..... 1-800-262-6704  
Fax ..... 931-456-1025

## East Tennessee - Region IV

3030 Wildlife Way  
Morristown, TN 37814 ..... 423-587-7037  
Toll Free ..... 1-800-332-0900  
Fax ..... 423-587-7057

## TDD (Telecommunications Device for the Deaf)

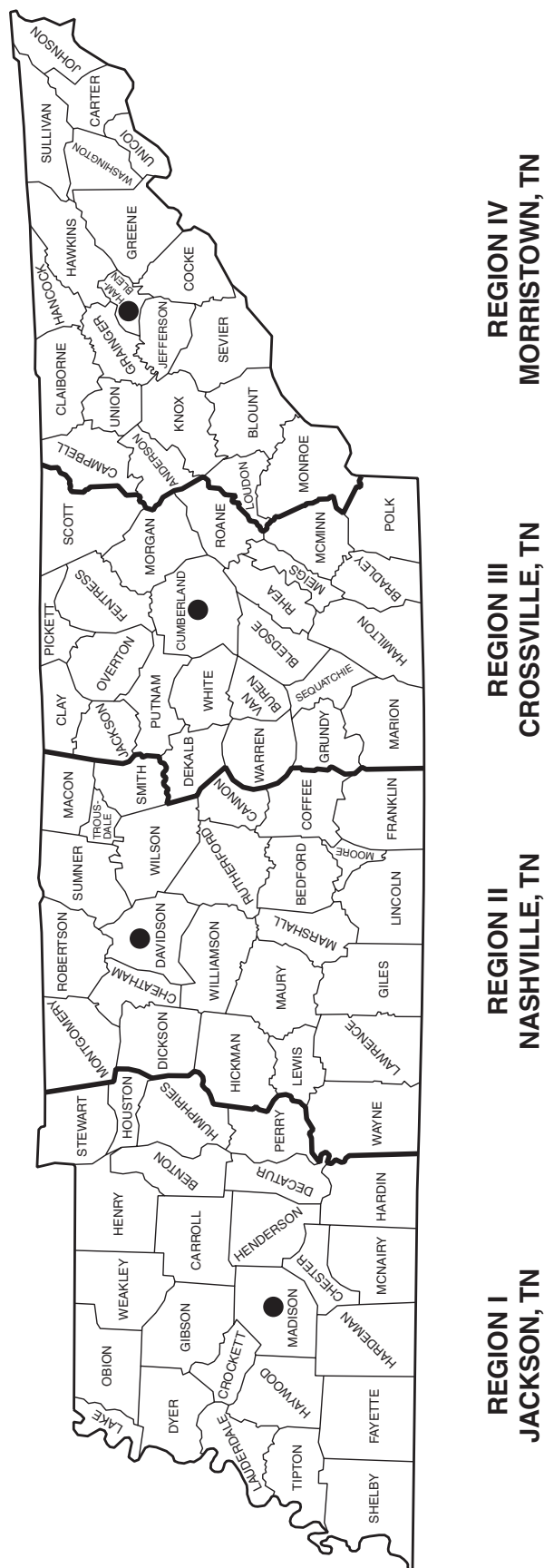
..... 615-781-6691

**Website** ..... [www.tnwildlife.org](http://www.tnwildlife.org)

## AFTER HOURS INFORMATION

For general information, the following numbers may be called between the hours of 4:30 p.m. and midnight.

West Tennessee - Region I ..... 1-800-372-3928  
Middle Tennessee - Region II ..... 1-800-624-7406  
Cumberland Plateau - Region III ..... 1-800-262-6704  
East Tennessee - Region IV ..... 1-800-332-0900



# CONTENTS

General Information .....	1	Bear Hunting .....	21
Changes to Hunting and Trapping .....	1	Bear Dog Training Season .....	21
License Fees .....	2	Bear Checking Stations .....	21
Resident Licenses .....	2	Feral Hog Hunting .....	22
Nonresident Licenses .....	3	Wild Boar Hunting .....	22
WMA Permits .....	3	Elk Hunting .....	22
Federal Duck Stamp .....	3	Wildlife Management Areas .....	23
Migratory Bird Permit .....	3	General Regulations .....	23
No License Needed .....	3	Big Game Hunting on WMAs .....	24
Landowner License Exemption .....	4	Small Game Hunting on WMAs .....	25
Misplaced License .....	4	Waterfowl Hunting on WMAs .....	25
Hunter Education .....	5	Trapping on WMAs .....	26
Legal Hunting Equipment and Methods .....	6	WMA Hunting - Region I .....	27-34
Legal Weapons .....	6	WMA Hunting - Region II .....	35-40
Ammunition .....	6	WMA Hunting - Region III .....	41-46
Illegal Hunting Equipment and Methods .....	7	WMA Hunting - Region IV .....	47-53
Illegal Weapons .....	7	Public Hunting Areas .....	54
Prohibited Acts .....	7	Other Hunting Lands .....	55
Small Game Hunting .....	8	Federal Refuges .....	55
Bullfrog Hunting .....	8	Private Wildlife Preserves .....	55
Raccoon and Opossum Hunting .....	8	Miscellaneous .....	55
Trapping Seasons .....	8	TWRA Firing Ranges .....	55
Dog Training .....	9	Other Information .....	5
Big Game Hunting: General Information .....	10	Possession of Live Animals .....	5
2004 Deer Harvest Summary .....	11-12	Roadkill Law .....	5
Deer Hunting .....	13	Hunting Hours .....	5
Deer Hunting Units and Bag Limits .....	13-14	Hunting and Trapping on Private Land .....	5
Special Season Deer Hunts .....	15-16	Permanent Opening Dates .....	5
How to Apply for County Quota Hunts .....	15	Application Deadlines .....	5
Deer Hunting Q & A .....	15		
Fall Turkey Hunting .....	17		
Spring Turkey Hunting .....	18		
Statewide Season .....	18		
Bag Limits .....	18		
Public Hunting Areas .....	18		
Statewide Young Sportsman Hunt .....	18		
Hunting Hours .....	18		
Legal Hunting Equipment .....	18		
Tagging Requirements .....	18		
Checking Stations .....	18		
Prohibited Acts .....	18		
WMA Hunts .....	19		
Nonquota WMA Hunts .....	19		
Quota Hunt Permits .....	20		
Quota Hunts .....	20		

**Cover photo: Garry Walter**



Department of Tennessee Wildlife Resources, Authorization No. 328686, 500,000 copies, July, 2005. This public document was promulgated at a cost of \$.06 per copy.

Many TWRA programs receive Federal financial assistance in Sport Fish and/or Wildlife Restoration. Under Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability. If you believe that you have been discriminated against in any program, activity, or facility as described above, or if you desire further information please write to: The Office for Human Resources, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4040 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203.

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## CHANGES TO HUNTING AND TRAPPING

1. Crossbows - The use of crossbows is now permitted during all seasons including the regular archery season.
2. Young Sportsman Hunts - Expanded the definition of a youth hunter. Youth hunters are now defined as young sportsmen 6-16 years of age. When participating on a Young Sportsman hunt, youths must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult, 21 years of age or older, who must remain in a position to take immediate control of the hunting device and who must also comply with fluorescent orange regulations, as specified for legal hunters. The minimum age for youth hunting on any Young Sportsman hunt or on WMAs is 6 years of age.
3. Youth Hunting on WMAs - When participating on all other hunts (big game, small game, and waterfowl), young sportsman, ages 6-16 only, must be accompanied by an adult (who may hunt), 21 years of age or older, who must remain in a position to take immediate control of the hunting device. Permit and license requirements were not changed.
4. Spring Turkey - Seasonal Bag Limit: The seasonal bag limit shall be one bearded turkey per day, not to exceed four per season, only two of which may come from a WMA. All birds taken off of WMA Quota hunts shall be considered "bonus" birds.
5. Bears - Bears may be whole or field dressed but must weigh a minimum of 75 pounds when taken to an official TWRA bear check station.
6. Tagging Requirements - If additional animals are to be harvested on that calendar day, the hunter is not required to stop hunting and tag the animal until he/she is ready to move, transport, or field dress the animal.
7. Raccoon - The bag limit for raccoon hunting in East Tennessee is 2 raccoons per hunter per night (page 8).



Chronic Wasting Disease, otherwise known as CWD, is a transmissible, neurological disease of deer and elk that produces small lesions in brains of infected animals. It is characterized by loss of body condition, behavioral abnormalities and death. CWD is classified as a transmissible spongiform encephalopathy (TSE), and is similar to mad cow disease in cattle and scrapie in sheep.

While the possibility of human infection remains a concern, **it is important to note there have been no verified cases of humans contracting CWD.**

## Stop The Spread Of Chronic Wasting Disease!

### New Carcass Importation Laws Are Now In Effect.

CWD has NOT yet been found in Tennessee and does not pose a risk to human health. Should CWD ever be discovered in Tennessee it will *absolutely* have an affect on the way we manage our white-tailed deer herd.

### Therefore...

If you plan on hunting cervids (deer or elk) in the following states or provinces, you must properly prepare the carcass **BEFORE** transporting it into Tennessee.

Colorado	Illinois*	Kansas	Minnesota	Montana
Nebraska	New Mexico	New York	Oklahoma	South Dakota
Utah	Wisconsin	Wyoming	Alberta	Saskatchewan

\*That portion north of Interstate 80

Carcasses and other parts from these areas that may be brought into or possessed in Tennessee include:

- a) meat that has bones removed
- b) meat that has no portion of the spinal column or head attached
- c) antlers, antlers attached to cleaned skull plates or cleaned skulls (where no meat or tissues are attached to the skull)
- d) cleaned teeth
- e) finished taxidermy and antler products
- e) hides and tanned products.

**Failure to comply with the above will be in violation of Tennessee law!**

# LICENSE FEES

Hunting and fishing licenses go on sale February 18 each year, the beginning of prime fishing, and are valid through the last day of February. **Seasons are subject to change. License fees are subject to change.** Migratory bird seasons are determined by federal regulations. Most licenses, except the Lifetime Sportsman License and specialty licenses, such as Wheelchair, Disabled Veteran, SSI (Supplemental Security Income), and Blind Fishing licenses, are available from most county clerks, sporting goods stores, hardware stores, boat docks and other interested merchants and from all TWRA offices. All license prices, except Lifetime Sportsman, include an agent's fee.

## RESIDENT LICENSES

### Resident licenses can be purchased by:

- Persons who possess a valid Tennessee driver's license.
- Persons who have lived in Tennessee for 90 consecutive days with the genuine intent of making Tennessee their permanent home.
- Military personnel on active duty in this state and their immediate families, who reside with them, regardless of resident status.
- Students who are enrolled in a Tennessee school, college or university for at least six months.

NOTE: A Social Security number is required to purchase a Tennessee hunting or fishing license.

### Hunting and Fishing Combination (Type 001) ....\$28

**Supplemental Licenses** (Types 005, 009, 010 or 011) are required, in addition to the Hunting and Fishing Combination license, to hunt deer, bear, boar, turkey and waterfowl. The type of hunting equipment to be used determines which supplemental license is necessary.

**Waterfowl (Type 005) .....\$31**

**Annual Big Game Gun (Type 009) .....\$28**

**Annual Big Game Archery (Type 010) .....\$28**

**Annual Big Game Muzzleloader (Type 011) ....\$28**

### Annual Sportsman (Type 004) .....\$136

An all-inclusive license valid for hunting, trapping, and sport fishing without any state supplemental licenses or non-quota permits and allows holders to apply for quota permits at no additional fee. Sportsman licenses can be purchased from all license agents.

### Junior Hunt/Trap/Fish (Type 002) .....\$8

Ages 13-15. Good for hunting all game, fishing, and trapping. Must be purchased prior to 16th birthday. No supplemental licenses are required, but special season and WMA permits will need to be purchased in addition to this license.

## Permanent Senior Citizen Hunt/Fish/Trap

**(Type 166) .....\$11**

Available at all license agents and can only be purchased when 65th birthday is reached. A valid Tennessee driver's license or proof of age and residency is required. No supplemental licenses are required, but special season and WMA permits will need to be purchased in addition to this license.

## Annual Senior Citizen Permit (Type 167) .....\$41

May be purchased only by holders of a Type 166 license. It covers all non-quota permits required by TWRA and allows holders to apply for quota permits without payment of additional fees.

## Permanent Wheelchair Hunting and Fishing

**(Type 189) .....\$10**

Available only by application from the TWRA License Sales Office (615-781-6585). Application must be accompanied by a doctor's statement stating that the applicant is permanently confined to a wheelchair. Covers all license requirements to hunt and fish but holder must purchase any applicable permits.

## Permanent DAV Hunting and Fishing

**(Type 198) .....\$10**

Available only by application from the TWRA License Sales Office (615-781-6585) for resident veterans certified by the VA as 30 percent disabled by reason of war service or 100 percent service connected. Covers all license requirements to hunt and fish but holder must purchase any applicable permits.

## Trapping (Type 019) .....\$28

## Lifetime Sportsman ..... age determines the cost.

An all-inclusive lifetime license valid for hunting, trapping and sport fishing without any state supplemental licenses or permits. Allows holders to apply for quota permits at no additional fee. Applications are available at your local TWRA office and the TWRA website.

**Type 401 (Under 3 years) .....\$200**

**Type 406 (Ages 3-6) .....\$540**

**Type 402 (Ages 7-12) .....\$810**

**Type 403 (Ages 13-50) .....\$1,620**

**Type 404 (Ages 51-64) .....\$945**

**Type 405 (Ages 65 and over) .....\$270**

## NONRESIDENT LICENSES

These do not include WMA or special season permits.

### **Junior Hunt/Fish (Type 070) .....\$9**

Required for nonresidents ages 13-15. A Type 073 or 074 is required to hunt big game.

### **7-Day Hunt-Small Game/Waterfowl**

(Type 072) .....\$50.50

### **Hunt-Small Game/Waterfowl (Type 071) .....\$91**

### **7-Day All Game (Type 074) .....\$175.50**

### **Annual All Game (Type 073) .....\$251**

### **Trapping (Type 120) .....\$401**

## WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA PERMITS

Everyone who hunts on wildlife management areas is required to have a WMA permit except the holder of a Lifetime Sportsman, Annual Sportsman License, and youths under age 16 hunting small game and waterfowl. Youth hunters must be accompanied by an adult with a valid WMA permit. Youths under 6 may not hunt big game on a WMA. All ages need a Type 94 for county non-quota hunts.

### **WMA Small Game and Waterfowl (Type 091) ....\$51**

### **1-Day Small Game and Waterfowl (Type 092) \$10.50**

### **WMA Small Game only (Type 093) .....\$17**

### **Special Season/WMA Nonquota Big Game**

(Type 094) .....\$21

Valid for all County Special Season and WMA non-quota big game hunts, including Cherokee.

### **Cherokee WMA Big Game Nonquota**

(Type 095) .....\$16

Valid for Cherokee WMA nonquota big game hunts.

### **Reelfoot Preservation Permit**

Required for all users except:

- those under 16 years of age
- residents 65 years or older
- holders of the adult Annual Sportsman license, Lifetime Sportsman license or Type 167 Permit.

### **Annual Reelfoot Preserv. Permit (Type 089) ...\$17**

### **3-Day Reelfoot Preserv. Permit (Type 088) . \$10.50**

### **1-Day Reelfoot Preserv. Permit (Type 090) ...\$3.50**

### **Royal Blue and Sundquist Special Use Permits**

These permits may be purchased for horseback riding, bicycling and ORV use. Youths under age 13 and persons holding a valid annual or permanent hunting license with a valid permit to hunt on these areas are exempt.

### **Resident Annual Permit (Type 035) .....\$61.00**

### **Resident Daily Permit (Type 036) .....\$12.50**

### **Non-resident Annual Permit (Type 037) ...\$191.00**

### **Non-resident Daily Permit (Type 038) .....\$30.50**

At least one occupant of an enclosed vehicle must possess the proper permit(s). No permit shall be required on certain roads/trails as designated.

## FEDERAL DUCK STAMP - \$15

Federal Law requires that each waterfowl hunter, age 16 and over, carry on his/her person, in addition to a hunting license and permit, a valid Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (federal duck stamp), signed in ink across the face. These can be obtained through the Post Office, National Wildlife Refuge offices, and some discount and sporting goods stores.

## MIGRATORY BIRD PERMIT - TYPE 006 .....\$1.00

All persons who hunt migratory game birds (doves, woodcock, rails, snipe, coots, ducks, or geese) will be required to have in their possession a Tennessee Migratory Bird Permit (TMBP), in addition to other required Tennessee licenses and permits, with the following exceptions: Landowners hunting on their land; disabled veterans; residents of Tennessee who are 65 or older; Lifetime Sportsman License holders, and residents of Tennessee under 13 years of age. Military personnel on leave or furlough will be required to possess the TMBP when hunting migratory birds even though they are not required to possess a hunting and fishing license. The TMBP is not required to hunt crows.

## NO LICENSE NEEDED FOR

- Residents born before March 1, 1926 (with proof of age and residency).
- Military personnel on leave carrying leave papers.
- Landowners, their spouses and children who hunt on farmland which is owned by said landowners. The aforementioned must be residents of Tennessee but need not reside on the land. This license exemption does not apply if the farmland is owned jointly or in common by unrelated persons.
- Resident grandchildren (under the age of 16) and resident great-grandchildren (under the age of 16) who hunt on farmland which is owned by their resident grandparents or great-grandparents. **This exemption will not be effective until March 1, 2006.**
- Tenants, their spouses and their dependent children, who hunt on farmland which is owned by an individual or a family. The aforementioned must be residents of Tennessee and must actually reside on the land and have permission of the landowner to hunt. A tenant is a person who, for money, free rent, or other consideration, cares for farmland. The tenancy must be agricultural in nature.
- First cousins who own farmland jointly or in common may fish and hunt small game on the farmland. Their children may fish and hunt small game as well.
- Resident and nonresident youths under 13. Hunters ages 10-12 need only a hunter education certificate to

hunt. However, youths 6-16 hunting big game on a WMA must have a valid Type 094 or Type 095 permit or quota permit, as applicable.

### **LANDOWNER LICENSE EXEMPTION**

Persons hunting without a license under a resident farmland owner exemption must complete and sign a statement attesting where the property is located and how this land qualifies for a landowner exemption. Persons may complete the form in advance and carry it with them while hunting or they may complete the form when requested in the field by a TWRA official or when checking game. Forms are available at TWRA license agents, TWRA offices and TWRA's website ([www.tnwildlife.org](http://www.tnwildlife.org)). Landowners and their children hunting on their parent's land under this exemption are also exempt from Hunter Safety Certification requirements.

### **MISPLACED A LICENSE?**

- If you purchased your license at a license agent, you may go to any agent and get a duplicate. All hunting and fishing licenses can be replaced, including the Lifetime Sportsman License. All duplicate licenses cost \$7.00.

**It is the duty of every person participating in the privileges of taking or possessing wildlife to permit agency officers to ascertain whether the requirements of this title are being faithfully complied with, including the possession of a proper license. It is a violation of law to refuse such inspection or to interfere with an officer attempting such inspection.**

Now charge your license(s) to Visa, Discover, or Mastercard! Call Toll Free: 1-888-814-8972. Regular license fees plus a \$3.95 processing fee will be charged to your credit card. Licenses may also be purchased online at TWRA's website:

**[www.tnwildlife.org](http://www.tnwildlife.org)**

The TWRA is funded by two primary sources: license/permit sales and federal excise taxes (Pittman-Robertson and Wallop-Breaux). Tennessee's allocation of these federal taxes is based, in part, on the number of hunters and fishermen in the state. Thank you for buying a license. Without your support, Tennessee would not have fish and wildlife management programs.

## **HELP STOP POACHING**

### **REPORT GAME VIOLATIONS**

THE FOLLOWING TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE FOR REPORTING GAME VIOLATIONS **ONLY**.  
**DO NOT CALL FOR GENERAL INFORMATION.**

CALL BETWEEN 7:00 A.M. AND MIDNIGHT  
SEVEN DAYS A WEEK

**West Tennessee** (Region I) ..... 1-800-831-1173  
**Middle Tennessee** (Region II) .. 1-800-255-8972  
**Cumberland Plateau** (Region III) 1-800-241-0767  
**East Tennessee** (Region IV) ..... 1-800-831-1174

# HUNTER EDUCATION

---

## MANDATORY HUNTER EDUCATION

All hunters, resident or nonresident, born on or after Jan. 1, 1969, must possess proof that they have successfully completed a hunter education course. Those under 10 years of age do not need a Hunter Education certificate, but must be accompanied by an adult at least 21 years of age who must remain in a position to take immediate control of the hunting device. Call your local TWRA office or visit the TWRA's website at

[www.tnwildlife.org](http://www.tnwildlife.org) for a listing of scheduled Hunter Education classes.

**NOTE:** *To replace a Hunter Education Card at a TWRA license agent location, first contact your TWRA Regional Office during normal business hours. Verify that your Hunter Education number has been updated in the TWRA license system. Then you may go to a TWRA license agent and purchase a Type 500 (Hunter Education Card Replacement), for \$7.00.*

## OTHER INFORMATION

---

### POSSESSION OF LIVE ANIMALS

No person shall, at any time or by any means, possess or transport live animals taken under the authority of the hunting and trapping season proclamations.

The taking and/or illegal possession of hawks, owls, eagles, songbirds, endangered species or any other species for which a season is not set is prohibited.

### ROADKILL LAW

TCA 70-4-115 allows that, except for non-game and federally protected wildlife species, wild game animals accidentally killed by a motor vehicle may be possessed for personal use and consumption. However, possession of a deer killed by a motor vehicle is permitted only if the person notifies the TWRA or any law enforcement officer and supplies his/her name within 48 hours. A bear killed by a motor vehicle may be possessed only upon the issuance of a kill tag by a TWRA enforcement officer.

### HUNTING HOURS

**Crows, doves, ducks** (including the early duck season), **geese, gallinules, rails, turkey, woodcock, Wilson snipe** - Shooting hours one-half hour before sunrise to sunset, except for dove hunting on opening day when shooting hours will begin at noon.

**All other game species** (except fox chasing and raccoon, opossum, and bullfrogs) - One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. Fox chasing, furbearer trapping, raccoon, opossum, and bullfrog hunting may be done day or night.

### HUNTING AND TRAPPING ON PRIVATE LAND

In Tennessee, state wildlife laws have always required hunters and trappers to obtain permission from landowners to use private property. In fact, it is advisable to get written permission to hunt and is required to trap. With the passage of TCA 70-4-106 in 1990, a "Hunting By Written Permission" law went into effect. Simply, the law states that if private land has been properly posted by the owner with signs that include his or her name and address plus the wording "HUNTING BY WRITTEN PERMISSION ONLY," a hunter or trapper must carry the owner's written permission. If a hunter or trapper is found without that written permission, that hunter or trapper is subject to prosecution.

### PERMANENT OPENING DATES

Squirrel .....	Fourth Sat. in Aug.
Grouse .....	Second Sat. in Oct.
Quail .....	Second Sat. in Nov.
Rabbit .....	Second Sat. in Nov.
Deer/Archery .....	Fourth Sat. in Sep.
Deer/Gun .....	Sat. before Thanksgiving
Deer/Youth only .....	Last Sat. in Oct.
Turkey (Spring) .....	Sat. closest to Apr. 1

### APPLICATION DEADLINES

<b>Quota WMA Deer Hunts</b> .....	Third Wed. in July
<b>WMA Waterfowl Blind Site</b>	
<b>Drawing</b> .....	First Sat. in Aug.
<b>Quota Statewide Special Season</b>	
<b>Deer and Fall Turkey Hunts</b> .....	First Wed. in Sep.

# LEGAL HUNTING EQUIPMENT AND METHODS

---

## LEGAL WEAPONS

### Turkey Hunting

1. Shotguns 20 gauge or larger using ammunition loaded with number 4 shot or smaller. No restriction on number of rounds in magazine.
2. Longbows, compound bows, crossbows and other bows drawn or held by a mechanical device.
3. Weapons may be equipped with sighting devices except those devices utilizing an artificial light capable of locating wildlife. Night vision scopes are illegal.

### Deer, Bear, Boar and Feral Hog Hunting

1. Shotguns using ammunition loaded with single solid ball or rifled slugs. No restriction on number of rounds in magazine.
2. Rifles, except those utilizing an artificial light capable of locating wildlife, using center-fire ammunition of .24 caliber (6 mm) or larger, in all counties except where regulated by legislative acts.
3. Muzzle-loading percussion cap or flintlock rifles, handguns or shotguns of .40 caliber (.40-inches) minimum. These muzzle-loading firearms are legal during any gun season or hunt unless otherwise specified. Muzzleloading firearms are defined as those firearms which are incapable of being loaded from the breech.
4. Longbows, compound bows, crossbows and other bows drawn or held by a mechanical device.
5. Hunting arrows and bolts shall be of a barbless design and shall have sharpened blades.
6. Center-fire handguns .24 caliber (6 mm) or larger having a barrel length of four inches or more, in all counties except where regulated by legislative acts.
7. Weapons may be equipped with sighting devices except those devices utilizing an artificial light capable of locating wildlife. Night vision scopes are illegal.

### Small Game Hunting

1. Shotguns and handguns using ammunition loaded with Number 4 or smaller shot are legal for all small game hunting.
2. Shotguns using ammunition loaded with BBB (0.19 inch diameter) or smaller shot are legal for hunting coyotes and beaver except during big game seasons.
3. Shotguns loaded with nontoxic shot approved by the US Fish & Wildlife Service are legal for hunting waterfowl.
4. Rifles and handguns using rim-fire ammunition and air rifles are legal for hunting small game except migratory birds.

5. Rifles and handguns using center-fire ammunition are legal for hunting beaver, bobcat, coyotes, feral hogs, fox, groundhogs, and crows, except during deer, bear or boar seasons.
6. Muzzleloading firearms (rifles, handguns and shotguns).
7. Longbows, compound bows, crossbows and other bows drawn or held by a mechanical device.
8. Falcons and Falconry – Subject to TCA §70-4-414.
9. Gigs and angling equipment are also legal for taking bullfrogs.
10. Weapons may be equipped with sighting devices except those devices utilizing an artificial light capable of locating wildlife. Night vision scopes are illegal.

## AMMUNITION

1. Possession of ammunition except that as specifically authorized is prohibited on all wildlife management areas, state refuges and public hunting areas.
2. Possession or use of buckshot is specifically prohibited while hunting all species, except in those counties where authorized by Private Acts.
3. Possession of shotgun ammunition loaded with more than one solid ball is specifically prohibited while hunting deer, bear, boar or feral hogs except in those counties where legal by Private Act.
4. Possession of shot larger than No. 4 is prohibited when hunting all wildlife except waterfowl, coyotes and beaver.
5. Possession of rifled slugs is prohibited except while hunting deer, bear, boar and feral hogs.
6. Possession or use of any loose shot other than non-toxic (as approved by U.S Fish and Wildlife Service) or any shotgun shell loaded with shot other than non-toxic is prohibited while hunting waterfowl, coots, gallinules, Virginia rails, and sora rails.
7. There is no restriction on the number of rounds in a shotgun except when hunting migratory birds. While hunting migratory birds, the shotgun must be incapable of holding more than three rounds.

# ILLEGAL HUNTING EQUIPMENT AND METHODS

---

## ILLEGAL WEAPONS

1. Shotguns using ammunition loaded with shot larger than Number Four (4) are prohibited for hunting all wildlife except beavers, coyotes and waterfowl.
2. Shotguns loaded with single ball or rifled slug ammunition are prohibited for hunting all wildlife except deer, bear, boar and feral hogs except as follows: Coyotes, bobcats, foxes and crows (when those seasons are open) may be taken by big game hunters while hunting big game with any legal big game weapon or ammunition.
3. Rifles or handguns loaded with military or other full metal jacketed type of ammunition are prohibited.
4. Rifles or handguns loaded with center-fire ammunition are prohibited for all hunting between 30 minutes after sunset and 30 minutes before sunrise.
5. Rifles or handguns loaded with center-fire ammunition are prohibited during all deer, bear or boar seasons for hunting any wildlife except deer, bear, or boar. Coyotes, crows, groundhogs, beaver, feral hogs, foxes and bobcats may be taken by big game hunters while hunting big game with any legal big game weapon or ammunition.
6. Any arrow with poisoned or chemically treated tip or explosive head is illegal for hunting.
7. Weapons capable of fully automatic fire are prohibited for hunting of all wildlife.
8. Firearms or archery equipment with any device utilizing an artificial light capable of locating wildlife. Night vision scopes are illegal.
9. Shotguns capable of holding more than three shells when hunting migratory birds (doves, ducks, geese and woodcock, etc.).
10. archery hunting is prohibited.
5. Quota hunt permits are not transferable. Anyone found hunting on a borrowed quota permit shall be deemed guilty of hunting in closed season.
6. Youths under the age of eighteen (18) are prohibited from using handguns for the purpose of hunting.
7. Hunting prohibited over a site where bait has been placed to feed or attract wildlife unless all the bait has been removed at least ten (10) days prior to hunting.
8. Evidence of species or sex of big game animals shall not be destroyed or removed prior to a permanent kill tag being issued at a checking station. (Normal field dressing is permitted)
9. Possession of firearms prohibited while chasing coyote, fox, and bobcat with dogs from the first Saturday in November through the end of the deer season.
10. Use or possession of electronic light amplifying night vision scope or device is prohibited when in possession of a firearm or archery tackle between sunset and sunrise.
11. On WMAs and PHAs all guns must be unloaded while being transported. A muzzleloader is considered to be unloaded if the cap is removed from the nipple. A crossbow is considered to be unloaded if the bolt is removed from the device.
12. It is unlawful to hunt, shoot at, chase, or kill any wild animal, wild bird or wildfowl on public lands and waters within 100 yards of a visible dwelling house, whether or not such a dwelling is on public or private lands, without the owner's permission.
13. It is unlawful for any person, or one or more of a group of persons together, to willfully throw or cast the rays of a spotlight, headlight or other artificial light in an apparent attempt or intent to locate deer by the use of such light.
14. Persons with archery tackle may not carry firearms or be accompanied by a person possessing firearms during the archery-only season.
15. Use or possession of electronic calls for fox, turkey and waterfowl is prohibited.
16. It is illegal to hunt, shoot at, chase, or kill any wild animal, wild bird, or wildfowl from a public road right-of-way, or from any motorized vehicle, or to shoot any firearms across or from any public road or vehicle.

## PROHIBITED ACTS

1. The use or possession of predator calls while night hunting of any species is prohibited.
2. The use or possession and/or the accompanying of anyone using or possessing raccoon calls, squallers, weapons, ammunition, or climbers while training dogs is prohibited during training season, except raccoon calls may be used during authorized field trials.
3. The use of dogs in taking or attempting to take deer is prohibited. Taking or attempting to take deer being pursued by dog, or dogs, is prohibited.
4. The use or possession of a pod arrow, any pod-type device for holding drugs or chemicals on an arrow, or any drugs or chemicals used in pod arrows while

---

**All hunting seasons are closed unless opened by specific Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission proclamation.**

# SMALL GAME HUNTING

All hunting seasons are closed unless opened by specific Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission proclamation.

Possession limit is twice the daily bag limit except on opening day. Dogs allowed for hunting all small game species, except on specific WMAs where indicated.

Species	Opens	Closes	Daily Bag
<b>Squirrel</b> (fox, red, gray)	Aug. 27	Feb. 28	10
<b>Spring Squirrel</b> (2006)	May 13	June 11	10
<b>Grouse</b> (closed W. of I-65)	Oct. 8	Feb. 28	3
<b>Rabbit</b>	Nov. 12	Feb. 28	5
<b>Quail</b>	Nov. 12	Feb. 28	6

Migratory bird seasons are subject to change by federal framework. Proposed seasons are:

Species	Opens	Closes	Daily Bag
<b>Dove</b> †	Sep. 1	Sep. 26	15 <sup>1</sup>
(Opens at noon on 1st day)	Oct. 8	Oct. 23	15 <sup>1</sup>
	Dec. 17	Jan. 3	15 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Woodcock</b> †	Oct. 29	Dec. 12	3
<b>Wilson Snipe</b> †	Nov. 14	Feb. 28	8
<b>Crow</b> (Fri./Sat./Sun.)	June 1	Feb. 28	no limit
<b>Canada Goose</b> †	Sep. 1	Sep. 15	5
<b>Wood Duck/Teal</b> †	Sep. 10	Sep. 14	4 <sup>2</sup>

† Tennessee Migratory Bird Permit required (see pg. 3).

<sup>1</sup> No limit on collared dove. Doves not readily identifiable as collared doves will be considered to be mourning doves and will count towards the mourning dove daily bag limit.

<sup>2</sup> Not to exceed 2 wood ducks. Total bag of 4 ducks. Regulations for the late duck and goose seasons will be published in the *Waterfowl Hunting Guide* available in October.

**Armadillo, Beaver, Coyote, Groundhog, English Sparrow, Nutria, Starling, Striped Skunk** - Open year-round, no limit

**Bobcat\*, Fox+, Mink, Muskrat, Spotted Skunk, Weasel** - Opens Nov. 18, closes Feb. 15, no limit\*

\*Except the limit on bobcats is one per day. Bobcat pelts must be tagged in order to be exported from the U.S.

+Exceptions to the statewide fox season are: **Benton** - unlawful to take or kill red foxes; **Dyer, Lauderdale, Smith and Wilson** - open year round to hunting and trapping red and gray foxes; **Greene** and **Washington** - unlawful to take or kill red and gray foxes.

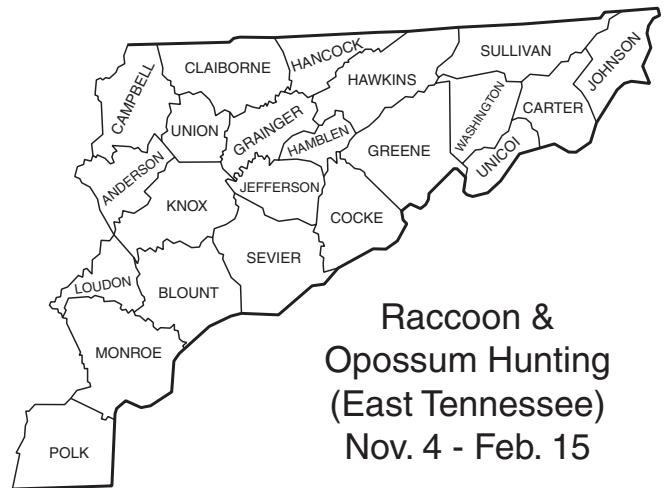
## BULLFROG HUNTING

All waters of the state are open to bullfrog hunting except waters within state and federal wildlife refuges. Season is open year-round, except on TWRA managed lakes the season is June 1-30. Bag limit is 20 per person, per night. The use of firearms is prohibited for bullfrog hunting on wildlife management areas and TWRA lakes. Only domestically raised bullfrogs or parts thereof may be sold. A hunting license is required to take bullfrogs. No WMA permit is required.

## RACCOON AND OPOSSUM HUNTING

**Opossum** can be taken during the raccoon hunting season. No limit.

**East Tennessee** - Anderson, Blount, Campbell, Carter, Claiborne, Cocke, Grainger, Greene, Hamblen, Hancock, Hawkins, Jefferson, Johnson, Knox, Loudon, Monroe, Polk, Sevier, Sullivan, Unicoi, Union and Washington counties - Opens sunset Nov. 4, closes sunrise Feb. 15, bag limit 2 per person per night\*



**Remainder of the state** - Opens sunset Sep. 16, closes sunrise Feb. 15, bag limit 2 per person per night\*

\*Night is defined as one 24-hour period beginning at sunset.

## TRAPPING SEASONS

**Beaver, Coyote, Groundhog, Nutria**

Open year-round, no limit

**Bobcat, Fox, Mink, Muskrat, Opossum, Raccoon, Spotted Skunk, Striped Skunk, Weasel**

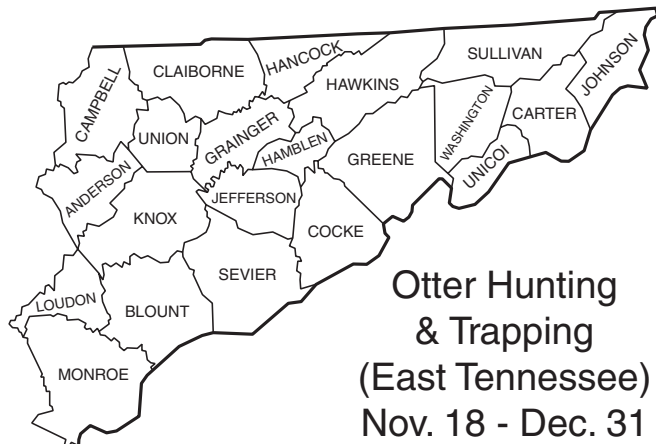
Opens Nov. 18, closes Feb. 15, no limit

All trapping devices must be clearly marked with the owner's name. All traps must be inspected every 36 hours or less and animals removed. When trapping on another's

property, the trapper must carry on his or her person written permission from the landowner, and make a written report to the owner of any domestic animal caught and pay damages for those animals.

**Otter Hunting and Trapping** - All river otters harvested must be tagged by harvester with Tennessee US CITES tags.

**East Tennessee** - Anderson, Blount, Campbell, Carter, Claiborne, Cocke, Grainger, Greene, Hamblen, Hancock, Hawkins, Jefferson, Johnson, Knox, Loudon, Monroe, Sevier, Sullivan, Unicoi, Union and Washington counties - Opens Nov. 18, closes Dec. 31, limit 4 per season. No more than 4 otters may be taken by one person by hunting or trapping combined.



**Remainder of the state** - Opens Nov. 18, closes Feb. 15, no limit.

### Legal Traps & Specific Regulations

**Steel leg-hold traps** - Steel leg-hold traps (steel-jawed traps) with a jaw spread of 7½ inches or less. These must be placed at least 12 inches inside the entrance to a burrow or hole except in the case of a water set. Water sets are defined as traps set in water adjacent to and part of streams, ponds, lakes, wetlands or other water courses, and include floating sets.

**Instant-kill traps** (with jaw measurements no greater than 10x10 inches and smaller). An instant-kill trap is considered a steel-jawed trap and its use is restricted to that allowed for a steel-jawed trap. Conibear traps are instant-kill traps.

**Live traps** - Those traps that act as a cage after capture.

**Steel cable snares** having a minimum cable diameter of 5/64 inch and maximum cable diameter of 3/32 inch. Spring activated snares, except Collarum snares, are prohibited. Use of snares in the eastern grand division of the state prohibited except in the following counties: Anderson, Blount, Campbell, Claiborne, Knox, Loudon, Marion, McMinn, Monroe, and Union. The

eastern grand division is defined as those counties lying east of and including Marion, Hamilton, Bledsoe, Cumberland, Morgan, and Scott.

**Cushion-hold traps** - Woodstream Soft-Catch, Butera Cushion Catch traps, Cushion Catch #33, J.C. Conner Coyote "Jake" Trap, Duke Rubber Jaw Trap and any legal sized off-set jawed traps equipped with "Humane Hold" universal pads by KG Enterprises meet the definition of a cushion-hold trap. These traps are the only steel traps legal for trapping in the open and on top of the ground, provided that the trapper has specific written permission from the landowner to use the trap.

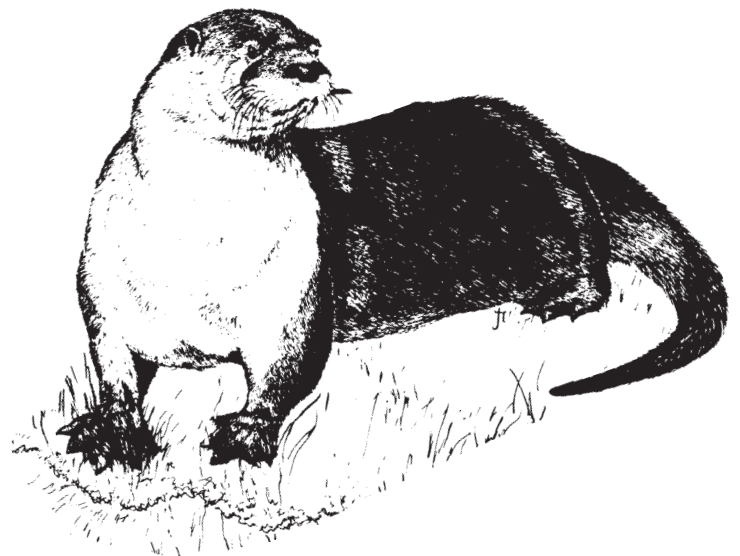
**Species Specific traps** - Egg traps, Coon Cuffs, Lil' Grizz Getrz and Duffer's Raccoon traps are legal for furbearers during the legal trapping season.

### DOG TRAINING

Training of bird dogs, rabbit dogs, squirrel dogs and fox hounds is permitted year-round on private lands. A hunting license is required while training dogs except when a person is competing in recognized field trials. When training on a WMA, a small game permit is required. Refer to specific WMA listings for WMA dog training seasons.

### Raccoon Dog Training (no taking)

**Western and Eastern Units** - Year-round except where regulated by Private Acts. The following counties are regulated by private acts: **Morgan** is open for training from July 1 until opening day of the hunting season; **DeKalb** is open for year-round training except in the portion lying south and west of State Hwy. 96 and US Hwy. 70 where the training season will open 30 days prior to the hunting season. Refer to specific WMA listings for WMA raccoon dog training seasons.



# BIG GAME HUNTING: GENERAL INFORMATION

**All hunting seasons are closed unless opened by specific Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission proclamation.**

**Fluorescent Orange:** Hunters must wear on the upper portion of their body and head a minimum of 500 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange, visible front and back while hunting big game except on archery-only and turkey hunts. (**A hat and vest fulfills requirements.**) Blaze orange camo is legal if it contains 500 square inches of fluorescent orange.

**Tagging and Checking Stations:** It is unlawful to move, transport or field dress any big game animal, except for feral hogs without invalidating and attaching a properly completed temporary kill tag. If additional animals are to be harvested on that day, the hunter is not required to stop hunting and tag the animal until he/she is ready to move, transport, or field dress the animal. At the conclusion of the hunt, all harvested animals, one of which must be tagged, must be transported to the nearest checking station on that calendar day. At the checking station a permanent kill tag will be issued for each animal harvested plus one new temporary tag will be given to the hunter for their next hunt. The permanent kill tag is a legal document and must be signed by the hunter. *By signing the permanent kill tag the hunter is affirming that the information, as it appears on the permanent tag is correct and valid.* The permanent kill tag must remain with the carcass until final processing. All big game taken to taxidermists must have proper documentation showing the permanent kill tag number, checking station number, and date of kill. *Persons legally hunting without a license (see pg. 3) or possessing a permanent license (see pg. 2) must also take any big game ani-*

*mal, except for feral hogs, they harvest to a checking station where a kill tag will be issued. After receiving the kill tag from checking in the first kill these persons must comply with all tagging regulations.*

**Field Dressing Big Game:** Evidence of species or sex of big game animals must not be destroyed or removed (normal field dressing is permitted) prior to a permanent kill tag having been issued at a checking station.

**Big Game Found Dead:** All big game found dead should be left where found and need not be reported. Individuals wanting to keep big game found dead must first contact the local Regional TWRA office for authorization. Any vehicle in which an illegally possessed big game animal is found is subject to confiscation. Big game, except bear, accidentally killed by a motor vehicle may be possessed by any person for personal use and consumption if the TWRA or a local law enforcement agency is notified within 48 hours.

**Legal Bucks:** Deer must have antlers a minimum of 3 inches in length on buck-only or antlered-only hunts.

**Antlerless Deer:** Defined as those deer with no antlers or deer with antlers less than 3 inches in length.

**Albino Deer:** Hunting, trapping or possession of albino deer is prohibited as set forth in TCA §70-4-130. An albino deer is a deer with a lack, or significant deficiency, of pigment in the skin and hair, and has pink eyes.

---

*The TWRA urges all deer hunters hunting from tree stands to use a safety belt. Most deer hunting accidents involve hunters falling from a tree stand. Proper use of a safety belt could prevent or lessen the severity of these accidents.*

---



**Tennessee WILDLIFE Magazine**

*Great gift idea...*

[www.tnwildlife.org](http://www.tnwildlife.org)

☐ \$10 - One-year Subscription  
☐ \$17 - Two-year Subscription  
☐ \$25 - Three-year Subscription

Make checks payable to Tennessee Wildlife.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: Subscriptions  
Tennessee Wildlife  
PO Box 40747  
Nashville, TN 37204

Check here if this is a Gift Subscription. ☐

## 2004 Statewide Deer Harvest Summary

The 2004 deer hunting season proved to be a fantastic year to be a Tennessee hunter. Shattering the all-time harvest record for deer, Tennessee hunters checked-in 179,542 animals. This amazing tally was almost 19,000 more deer than the record-setting harvest of the year before.

This incredible jump in harvest numbers could most assuredly be attributed to last year's creation of Deer Unit L, located primarily in Middle Tennessee. Counties that were placed in this new unit had deer populations that were deemed above or very close to their recommended population limit, and therefore, saw the drastic liberalization of their antlerless hunting opportunities. For the first time ever, hunters were allowed to harvest 3 antlerless deer per day throughout the entire gun season. As a result 14,393 more deer were taken in those counties than the previous year, many of which were does.

As far as the rest of the state was concerned, Unit A counties saw a modest increase of 3,863 deer from the previous year; while Unit B counties experienced a slight reduction in their harvest numbers. It was down 894 deer from the year before. The Unit A increase could easily be explained by a moderately growing deer herd in many Unit A counties along with some expanded antlerless hunting opportunities in those same areas. The decrease in the Unit B harvest could be attributed to the reduction of the buck bag limit that took effect in Unit B last year. A complete unit wide break down can be seen below:



### 2003/2004 Harvest Comparison

	2003	2003	2003	2003		2004	2004	2004	2004		2003/2004	2003/2004
Unit	# of Bucks	# of Does	Total Deer	% Does		# of Bucks	# of Does	Total Deer	% Does		Harvest Diff	% Doe Diff
Unit A	38,603	24,034	62,637	38.4%		39,557	26,943	66,500	40.5%		3,863	2.1%
Unit B	15,725	6,606	22,331	28.7%		14,607	6,830	21,437	34.2%		-894	5.4%
Unit L	39,158	32,589	71,747	45.4%		42,432	43,708	86,140	50.7%		14,393	5.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>93,486</b>	<b>63,229</b>	<b>156,715</b>			<b>96,596</b>	<b>77,481</b>	<b>174,077</b>			<b>17,362</b>	
					WMA/NWR*	2004 Buck	2004 Doe	2004 Total	2004 % Doe			
						2,714	2,751	5,465	50.3%			
					2004 Statewide Totals	99,310	80,232	179,542				

\*WMA/NWR – Wildlife Management Area/National Wildlife Refuge

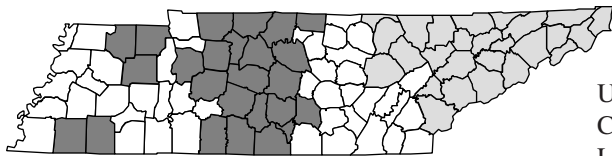
## Muzzleloaders are King For a Day ...Well, At Least a Weekend

Muzzleloaders finally surpassed traditional gun hunters in opening weekend harvest figures. In 2004, the opening weekend of the muzzleloading season saw a harvest of 20,298 deer, while the gun hunters brought in a respectable 19,021 animals. Amazingly enough, these four days comprise over 21 percent of the entire deer harvest. These seasonal figures are extremely important to wildlife managers and biologists when trying to determine the optimum time to control or “manage” the deer herd. Oftentimes, antlerless hunting opportunities, in areas where the population is considered sensitive, are chosen during non-peak season times so as not to have a negative impact on the herd. The opposite goes for areas that can withstand a heavy doe harvest.

Year	Archery	Young Sportsman	Muzzleloader	Modern Gun	Special	Total
2002	18,272	9,440	31,799	57,595	33,431	150,537
2003	19,113	7,125	38,465	55,167	35,798	155,668
2004	19,238	7,293	42,294	57,890	47,357	174,072

Considering our record setting harvest of last year, there were seasonal harvest increases across the board. The biggest jump occurring in our special season harvest where the antlerless hunting opportunities were increased considerably. Once again the modern gun season is the driving management tool; however, muzzleloaders are quickly narrowing the gap.

Archery harvests have leveled off over the past decade, accounting for just over 10 percent of the entire deer harvest. With the admission of crossbows during the archery season, we can expect an increase in the archery harvest for 2005; although the overall increase should be minimal. Lastly, the Young Sportsman season maintained its harvest from the previous year, but wide variations can be expected due to its short season length and susceptibility to varying weather conditions.



## County and WMA Highlights

Unit "L" got its designation as a deer unit having very "Liberal" seasons. Considering 14 out of 15 of the highest harvest counties belonged to Unit L, you can definitely say it lived up to its name. The top three counties overall in deer harvest came as no surprise since they routinely rank near

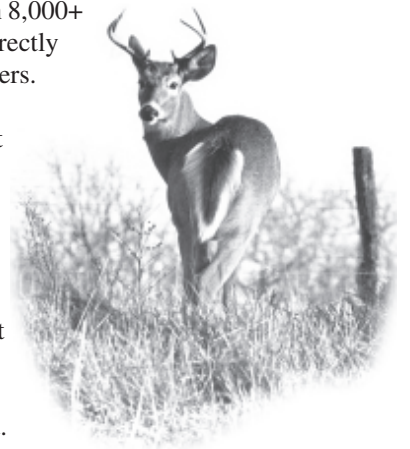
the top every year. They were: Henry (6,379), Hardeman (6,262), and Giles (5,304). The highest harvest in Unit A belonged to Franklin County which checked-in 3,434 deer. Hawkins County topped the Unit B list with 2,356 animals checked-in.

As far as biggest jumps are concerned, Montgomery and Cheatham counties each saw a 48 percent increase from their 2003 totals. Once again these increases could be directly attributed to the creation of Unit L. Overall, TWRA managers and biologists were quite pleased with the harvest results.

Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) and other public hunting areas accounted for 5,465 deer in 2004.

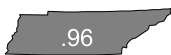
This was up slightly from the year before but considerably lower than the mid-1980's when 8,000+ deer were harvested annually on public lands. Fortunately, the decrease in harvest can be directly attributed to the growth in opportunities on private lands, rather than a decline in deer numbers.

Although highly variable in size, the top three WMAs, according to deer harvest, were Fort Campbell (685), Land Between the Lakes (527), and Arnold Engineering Development Center, AEDC, (481). Besides holding high numbers of deer, many WMAs manage for high quality deer as well by implementing point or spread restrictions. No one can argue that President's Island, a small isolated hunting paradise in Memphis, TN, isn't the most coveted of the WMA quota hunts available. The 9-point or better point restriction, coupled with highly fertile soils and an advanced age structure has produced some of the largest antlered deer anywhere in Tennessee.



Regardless of where you hunt in Tennessee, a quality hunting experience is to be expected.

### Tennessee



### Kentucky



### Illinois



### Ohio



*Number of older age-class bucks (2-1/2 years or older) harvested per square mile. Based on 2003 harvest data.*

## 2005 Deer Outlook

Tennessee may be one of the best kept secrets in the South. Not only does the composition of the deer herd rival that of most other states, but the opportunity to harvest those deer surpasses almost all other states east of the Mississippi. High numbers of quality deer coupled with long hunting seasons make Tennessee a true diamond in the rough among deer states.

Although Tennessee should never be thought of as a "big buck" state due to its lack of high quality soils, it definitely warrants the label as an "old buck" state. In the early 1990s, even before the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission reduced the buck bag limit, Tennessee hunters began voluntarily passing up young bucks. From an all-time yearling buck harvest of almost 80 percent in 1989, the percentage of yearlings harvested has been dropping for almost 15 years. In 2005, the yearling buck harvest hit an all-time low of 50 percent. In other words, one out of every two bucks harvested in Tennessee were from an older age bracket (2½ + years of age). In comparison, Kentucky, a well-known trophy deer state, harvested approximately 56 percent yearlings. When applied to harvest figures, Tennessee harvested 0.96 older age class bucks per square mile while Kentucky harvested 0.55. That's almost twice as many older age class deer harvested per square mile than our northern neighbor. In fact, Tennessee even exceeds the big trophy states of Illinois and Ohio when it comes to harvesting older age-class bucks.

Even though Tennessee doesn't support vast amounts of fertile soils, big deer are becoming more and more common place. Many wildlife officers are reporting the highest number of quality bucks being checked-in than at any point in their county's history. And considering that Tennessee has one of the longest gun seasons in the East, as well as extremely liberal deer limits in many areas, the odds of a Tennessee hunter harvesting one of these quality deer is quite high.



For better wildlife management, Tennessee is divided into three deer units.

- 

A map of Tennessee divided into its 95 counties. A subset of counties is shaded in black, representing the sample area for the study. The shaded counties are primarily located in the western and central parts of the state, including areas around Nashville and Memphis.



**\*\* Youths 6-16 years of age only. Each young sportsman must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult, 21 years of age or older, who must remain in a position to take immediate control of the hunting device and who must also comply with fluorescent orange regulations, as specified for legal hunters. Youths 10 years of age or older must meet Hunter Education requirements.**

**www.tnwildlife.org**

## UNIT B SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS



**Unit B includes the following counties:** Anderson, Blount, Campbell, Carter, Claiborne, Cocke, Cumberland, Fentress, Grainger, Greene, Hamblen, Hancock, Hawkins, Jefferson, Johnson, Knox, Loudon, Monroe, Morgan, Pickett, Polk, Scott, Sevier, Sullivan, Unicoi, Union, Washington.

Season Type	Season Dates	Bag Limits
Archery (includes crossbows)	Sep. 24 - Oct. 28, 2005 Oct. 31 - Nov. 4, 2005 Nov. 12 - Nov. 18, 2005	2 deer, either sex
Muzzleloader and Archery	Nov. 5 - Nov. 11, 2005 Dec. 9 - Dec. 11, 2005	1 deer, antlered only. This deer may be either sex Nov. 5-7. 1 deer, antlered only
Gun, Muzzleloader and Archery	Nov. 19 - Nov. 27, 2005 Dec. 17, 2005 - Jan. 4, 2006	2 deer, antlered only See Quota Hunt Table (pg. 16) for antlerless hunts.
Young Sportsman**	Oct. 29 - Oct. 30, 2005 Jan. 14 - Jan. 15, 2006	1 deer, either sex 1 deer, either sex

\*\* Youths 6-16 years of age only. Each young sportsman must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult, 21 years of age or older, who must remain in a position to take immediate control of the hunting device and who must also comply with fluorescent orange regulations, as specified for legal hunters. Youths 10 years of age or older must meet Hunter Education requirements.

## UNIT L SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS



**Unit L includes the following counties:** Bedford, Cannon, Carroll, Cheatham, Coffee, Davidson, Dickson, Fayette, Giles, Hardeman, Henry, Hickman, Humphreys, Lawrence, Lewis, Lincoln, Macon, Madison, Marshall, Maury, Montgomery, Moore, Robertson, Rutherford, Sumner, Trousdale, Wayne, Weakly, Williamson, Wilson.

Season Type	Season Dates	Antlered Bag Limit	Antlerless Bag Limit
Archery (includes crossbows)	Sep. 24 - Oct. 28, 2005 Oct. 31 - Nov. 4, 2005 Nov. 12 - Nov. 18, 2005 Dec. 12 - Dec. 16, 2005	2	3/day
Muzzleloader and Archery	Nov. 5 - Nov. 11, 2005 Dec. 5 - Dec. 11, 2005	2	3/day
Gun, Muzzleloader and Archery	Nov. 19 - Dec. 4, 2005 Dec. 17, 2005 - Jan. 8, 2006	2	3/day* Type 94 permit required.
Young Sportsman**	Oct. 29 - Oct. 30, 2005 Jan. 14 - Jan. 15, 2006	1 1	2 2

\* A Type 94 permit is required to hunt antlerless deer during this season except for landowners hunting under the landowner exemption, Sportsman and Lifetime Sportsman license holders, and hunters who possess a Type 167 permit.

\*\* Youths 6-16 years of age only. Each young sportsman must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult, 21 years of age or older, who must remain in a position to take immediate control of the hunting device and who must also comply with fluorescent orange regulations, as specified for legal hunters. Youths 10 years of age or older must meet Hunter Education requirements.

**NO MORE THAN TWO ANTLERED DEER MAY BE TAKEN IN UNIT B.**

## SPECIAL SEASON ANTLERLESS ONLY DEER HUNTS

See chart on page 16. The following counties and portions of counties are open to antlerless deer hunting during the regular gun season as specified. **Most WMAs are closed during these hunts. Refer to specific WMA listings for open dates.**

**Quota Hunts** – *Special quota permit required, except for landowners hunting under the landowner exemption* (see page 4). Bag limit, one antlerless deer per permit except where specified by asterisks. (\*) Indicates bag limit of 2 deer per permit for quota hunts. (\*\*) Indicates bag limit of 3 deer per permit for quota hunts.

**Non-quota Hunts** - *No hunter quota but a Type 94 permit or Sportsman License is required except for landowners hunting on their own land, Sportsman and Lifetime Sportsman license holders, and hunters who possess a Type 167 permit.*

## HOW TO APPLY FOR COUNTY QUOTA HUNTS

Applications for permits can be obtained from all TWRA offices and many license agents after August 1. Applications for quota hunts may also be downloaded from TWRA's website (<http://www.tnwildlife.org>). Deadline for completed application to be returned is first Wednesday in September. A computer drawing will be conducted to determine successful applicants. **Public land is not available in all counties.** Persons possessing a quota permit must obtain permission from the appropriate landowner before hunting.

## DEER HUNTING Q & A

Q: If I'm bow hunting in Unit A only, how many deer may I take during the archery season?

A: You may take two bucks and four does.

Q: I have a week's vacation planned for November 5-11. I plan to hunt with my muzzleloader in both Unit L and Unit B. How many bucks may I take?

A: You may take up to three antlered bucks during this time, two may come from Unit L and one may come from Unit B. Remember, once you have harvested your third buck, you have reached the statewide limit. Therefore, your remaining buck harvest will be limited to "bonus" deer listed on WMA or NWR hunts. (See Regional WMAs beginning on page 27.)

Q: If I shoot two does in Unit B during the archery season, may I still harvest my two bucks during archery season as defined by the statewide buck bag limit?

A: No, not in Unit B since your deer bag limit has been reached. You may, however, travel to Unit A or Unit L and attempt to harvest their seasonal limits.

Q: Can a landowner take two limits of does during county quota hunts?

A: Yes. A landowner may take one limit under the landowner exemption and a second limit if drawn for a quota permit.

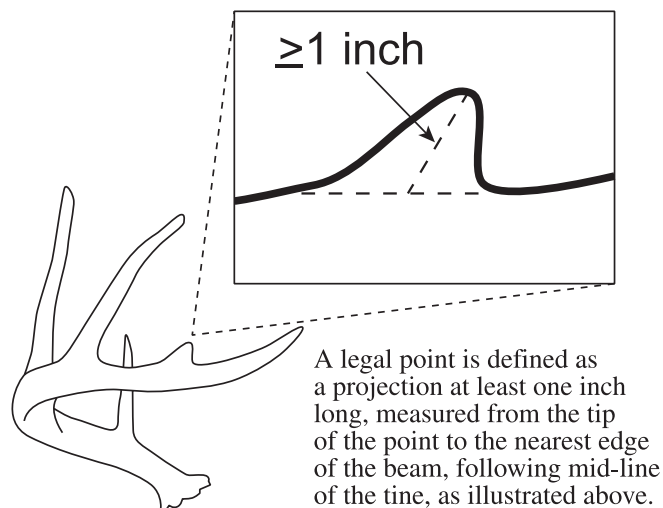
Q: Can a landowner take two limits of does during a nonquota county hunt?

A: No. A landowner may take what is allowed without a Type 94, under the landowner exemption, but may not purchase a Type 94 and take a second limit.

Q: Do I need a note from my doctor in order to use a crossbow during the archery season?

A: No. Tennessee now considers the crossbow as standard archery equipment and is legal during all archery seasons.

## Measuring an Antler Point



COUNTY	Quota Hunts Number Of PERMITS Per Hunt						Non-quota Hunts Number Of DEER Per Hunt		
	Nov. 19- Nov. 20	Nov. 21- Nov. 24	Nov. 25- Nov. 29	Nov. 30- Dec. 4	Dec. 17- Dec. 19	Dec. 30- Jan. 2	Dec. 17- Dec. 23	Dec. 24- Dec. 30	Dec. 31- Jan. 8
Anderson* (a)					200	200			
Benton								2	2
Blount* (b)					100	100			
Bradley		500	500						
Carter (c)					100				
Chester	100						2	2	2
Claiborne					250				
Clay			200				2		
Crockett									2
Decatur							2	2	2
Dekalb									2
Dyer									2
Franklin**	1200	1200	1200	1200			3	3	3
Gibson				100			2	2	2
Grainger					250				
Greene (c)					100				
Hamblen					100				
Hamilton		500	500						
Hancock					250				
Hardin			400	400			2	2	2
Hawkins (d, e)									
Haywood		400	400	400			2	2	2
Henderson							2	2	2
Houston	250						2	2	2
Jackson			200						
Jefferson					250				
Johnson (c)					100				
Knox					250				
Lake									2
Lauderdale									2
Loudon					100				
Marion			500						
McMinn		500	500						
McNairy				200			2	2	2
Meigs		500	500						
Obion							2	2	2
Overton				200			2		
Perry								2	2
Rhea		500	500						
Roane		500	500						
Sevier (f)					100				
Shelby								2	2
Smith**	750	750	750	750			3	3	3
Stewart	200	200	200	200			2	2	2
Sullivan (c)					250				
Van Buren			300						
Warren								2	2
White			500						

(a) East of I-75 only

(b) West of Hwy. 411 and East of Hwy. 129

(c) Excludes Cherokee WMA

(d) 1 quota hunt, Dec. 17-25, 1000 hunter quota

(e) Holston Army Plant: 4 quota hunts: Nov. 19, 20, 26, 27. 80 hunter quota. Bag limit on all hunts; 2 antlerless deer per permit.

NOTE: An additional installation permit fee is required if Holston Army Ammunition plant is drawn.

(f) North of Hwy. 411

\* Bag limit, 2 deer per permit for quota hunts

\*\* Bag limit, 3 deer per permit for quota hunt

# FALL TURKEY HUNTING

**All of the following counties are open for archery only turkey hunting during archery only deer seasons. Bag limit for this season is one turkey, either sex.**

The following counties will be open for one quota gun turkey hunt on Nov. 12-18 with a bag limit of one turkey, either sex, per permit. A special quota permit is required, except for landowners hunting under the landowner license exemption (see page 4). Use or possession of electronic calls is prohibited.

County .....	Quota	County .....	Quota	County .....	Quota
Benton .....	50	Hardeman .....	50	Morgan .....	50
Carroll .....	50	Hardin .....	50	Overton .....	50
Carter .....	50	Hawkins .....	150	Perry .....	50
Claiborne .....	100	Henderson .....	50	Pickett .....	50
Clay .....	50	Henry .....	100	Scott .....	50
Cocke .....	100	Houston .....	100	Sevier .....	100
Davidson .....	100	Humphreys .....	100	Stewart .....	100
Fentress .....	50	Jackson .....	50	Sullivan .....	50
Fayette .....	100	Jefferson .....	100	Union .....	50
Grainger .....	100	Johnson .....	50	Warren .....	300
Greene .....	150	Lewis .....	300	Weakley .....	50
Hamblen .....	50	Madison .....	100	White .....	100
Hancock .....	100	McNairy .....	50		

The following counties will be open for one quota gun turkey hunt on Nov. 12-18 and Dec. 12-16 and have a bag limit of two turkeys, either sex, per permit. A special quota permit is required, except for landowners hunting under the landowner license exemption (see page 4). Use or possession of electronic calls is prohibited.

County .....	Quota	County .....	Quota	County .....	Quota
Bedford .....	800	Hickman .....	1000	Robertson .....	800
Cannon .....	400	Lawrence .....	400	Rutherford .....	800
Cheatham .....	500	Lincoln .....	1200	Smith .....	500
Coffee .....	400	Macon .....	400	Sumner .....	600
DeKalb .....	500	Marion .....	300	Trousdale .....	750
Dickson .....	1500	Marshall .....	750	Wayne .....	500
Franklin .....	600	Maury .....	600	Williamson .....	500
Giles .....	1000	Montgomery .....	1200	Wilson .....	750



# SPRING TURKEY HUNTING

## STATEWIDE SEASON - APRIL 1–MAY 14, 2006

All Tennessee counties are open to wild turkey hunting excluding WMAs and refuges unless specifically listed.

## BAG LIMITS

A hunter may take a total of four bearded turkeys for the spring season with the following restrictions:

- **Statewide Season:** One bearded turkey per day, not to exceed four per season. This includes turkeys taken on WMAs that are open with the statewide season and bag limits (see special WMA section for details).
- **WMA Hunts:** One bearded turkey per person, per hunt, not to exceed two per season, EXCEPT those WMAs that are open with the statewide season and bag limit. Birds taken on WMA quota hunts are considered bonus birds and do not count toward statewide bag limits. See the special WMA section for details.
- **The total bag and possession limit** shall not exceed four bearded turkeys per season on the statewide season and WMAs combined. Example: If a hunter takes three birds on the statewide season, he can only harvest one WMA bird except where WMA birds are designated as bonus birds. If he harvests two birds on WMAs first, he can only take two on the statewide hunt.

**NOTE:** Turkeys taken on the following are bonus birds and do not count toward the statewide season bag and possession limit: WMA quota turkey hunts, Young Sportsman hunts, Chickasaw NWR, Fort Campbell, Lower Hatchie NWR, Reelfoot NWR.

## PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS

Turkeys harvested on a PHA count toward the statewide bag limit. The PHAs include Heartwood and Ataya (formerly Tackett Creek), which open with the statewide season in counties and portions of counties that are open to wild turkey hunting. A special permit must be obtained from the company owning the area.

## STATEWIDE YOUNG SPORTSMAN HUNT

**MARCH 25-26, 2006** (ages 6 through 16). Bag limit, 1 bearded bird. Each youth must be accompanied by a nonhunting adult, 21 years of age or older, who must remain in a position to take immediate control of the hunting device, who is not required to have a license. WMAs are not open unless listed as open with the statewide seasons.

## HUNTING HOURS

Thirty minutes before sunrise to sunset (unless otherwise listed).

## LEGAL HUNTING EQUIPMENT

- Shotguns and muzzleloading shotguns, 20 gauge or larger, loaded with No. 4 shot or smaller.
- Long bows, compound bows and crossbows using legal hunting arrows with broadheads.

## TAGGING REQUIREMENTS

As soon as you have killed a wild turkey, punch out the month and day on your Temporary Kill Tag (part of your Big Game license) then immediately attach the tag to the bird. Failing to do either of these things is a violation of the law and you may be given a citation for failure to properly tag a big game animal.

## CHECKING STATIONS

All turkeys harvested must be checked out at the nearest county checking station (or WMA checking station if it is in operation). The permanent kill tag, required for legal possession, and a new temporary tag will be issued at the checking station. All big game check stations will be open. (See Check Station Brochure for locations.)

## PROHIBITED ACTS

- It is illegal to bait for turkeys. Possession of agricultural grain while turkey hunting is prohibited.
- Rifles and handguns are prohibited.
- Turkeys may not be shot or stalked from a boat in Dyer, Haywood, Lauderdale, Obion, Shelby, or Tipton counties.
- Use or possession of electronic calls while turkey hunting is prohibited.
- Use of live decoys is prohibited; however, artificial and mounted decoys are permissible.
- Possession of ammunition loaded with shot larger than No. 4 while turkey hunting is prohibited.
- The use of any type of food to feed or attract wild turkeys on WMAs is prohibited.
- Calling or attempting to call wild turkeys using any means to mimic the sounds made by turkeys is prohibited on all WMAs from March 1 until the opening day of the spring turkey hunts on the WMA.
- A licensed turkey hunter, who has filled his bag limit or does not possess a valid permit for a quota hunt, may accompany another turkey hunter who has a valid permit (except on WMAs where prohibited) and assist him in calling, but may not have a gun or bow in his possession.

## WMA HUNTS

The following WMAs are open with the statewide season (April 1 through May 14, 2006 and the March 25-26 Young Sportsman Hunt). Turkeys taken count toward the statewide bag limit. A nonquota WMA permit is *not* required on areas indicated by an asterisk (\*). Bag limit same as statewide.

Alpine Mountain	John Tully
Arnold Hollow	*Keyes-Harrison
Bark Camp Barrens	Lick Creek
Barkley (Units I and II)	Lick Creek Bottoms
Bean Switch Refuge	Long Pond
Beaver Dam Creek	Maness Swamp Refuge
Big Sandy ( <i>incl. Gin Creek</i> )	*MTSU
Bogota	*Mt. Roosevelt
Bridgestone/Firestone	New Hope
Browntown	Nolichucky
Buffalo Springs	*Normandy
Camden (Units I and II)	North Cherokee
*Cedar Hill Swamp	Obion River
Cheatham Lake	Old Hickory ( <i>incl. Lock 5 Refuge</i> )
Chickamauga	Owl Hollow Mill
*Chickasaw State Forest	Pea Ridge
C. M. Gooch	Percy Priest Unit I (archery only)
Cold Creek Refuge	Percy Priest Unit II
Cordell Hull	*Pickett State Forest/Park
Cordell Hull Refuge	Rankin
Cove Creek	Royal Blue
Cove Mountain	*Standing Stone State Park
Cypress Pond Refuge	Sundquist
*Doe Mountain	Tellico Lake ( <i>except McGhee-Carson and Niles Ferry Units</i> )
Eagle Creek	Tie Camp
*Edgar Evins State Park	Tigrett
Flintville Hatchery	Tumbleweed
Harmon Creek	Watts Bar
Haynes Bottom	West Sandy
Henderson Island	White Lake Refuge
Hick Hill	White Oak
Hickory Flats	Yanahli
Hop-In Refuge	
Horns Bluff Refuge	
Jackson Swamp	
Jarrell Switch	

## NONQUOTA WMA HUNTS

On areas indicated by an asterisk (\*), hunters must check in before and check out after the hunt. Bag limit, one bearded turkey per person, per hunt, not to exceed two per season.

\***AEDC** - Apr. 1-3, 7-9, 21-23, Apr. 28-30.

\***Catoosa** - Apr. 7-9, 14-16, 18-20, 25-27, 28-30, May 2-4 (Young Sportsman hunt: Apr. 22-23)

\***Cheatham** - Apr. 1-3, 7-9, 14-16, 19-23, 27-30 (Young Sportsman hunt: Mar. 25-26)

**Cordell Hull** - Wheelchair-bound Only Hunting Zone (that portion of Cordell Hull WMA known as The Old Roaring River Campground, as posted): Apr. 1-May 14, wheelchair-bound hunters only. Bag limit, 2 turkeys, either-sex, per season.

**Ernest Rice** - (Young Sportsman hunt: Mar. 25-26)

**Fall Creek Falls SP** (archery only) - Apr. 8-12, 22-26

**Fourth Fractional** (archery only) - Apr. 1-May 14. Bag limit, 1 bearded turkey per day, 2 per season, counts as a statewide bird.

**Kyker Bottoms** - All hunting is youth-only (6-16 years of age). Same as statewide season. Each youth must be accompanied by an adult, 21 years of age or older, who may also hunt except on the Mar. 25-26 Young Sportsman hunt.

\***Laurel Hill** - Apr. 1-3, 7-9, 14-16, 21-23, 28-30, May 5-7

\***Meeman Shelby Forest SP and Natural Area/Eagle Lake Refuge** - (Young Sportsman hunt: Mar. 25)

**Moss Island** - (Young Sportsman hunt: Mar. 25-26)

\***Natchez Trace SF** - Apr. 24-30

**North Chickamauga Creek (Natural Area Unit only)** - Open with statewide seasons except no hunting on Saturday or Sunday. Hunting ends at noon each day.

**North Chickamauga Creek** - Open with statewide seasons except hunting allowed on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays only. Hunting ends at noon each day.

\***Prentice Cooper SF** - Apr. 4-6, 7-9, 11-13, 20-22, 25-27, 28-30

**South Cherokee WMA and Foothills** - Apr. 1-May 14. Bag limit, 1 bearded turkey per day, 2 per season. Counts as a WMA bird, except on Young Sportsman hunts. (Young Sportsman hunt, Mar. 25-26. Bag limit is one bearded bird and counts as a statewide bird.)

**Williamsport** - Apr. 1-3, 14-16

**Wolf River** - (Young Sportsman hunt: Mar. 25-26)

## QUOTA HUNT PERMITS

Application deadline for the spring quota turkey hunts is Feb. 8, 2006. A computer drawing will be held and successful applicants will be sent a permit for the date drawn. There will be no closures because of flooding and no refunds made. Permits are nontransferable and hunt dates may not be changed. Vacancy permits, if any, will be sold on a first come, first served basis. Note: LBL holds a separate drawing for LBL quota hunts.

## QUOTA HUNTS

Quota Big Game Permit Required. **On areas indicated by an asterisk (\*), hunters must check in before and check out after the hunt.** Turkeys harvested on WMA quota hunts are bonus birds. Bag limit listed on permit.

**\*Chuck Swan** - Mar. 30-Apr. 1, Apr. 6-8, 13-15, 20-22, 27-29, May 4-6, 11-13 (125 hunter quota per hunt) Hunting ends at noon each day. Hunters must be at checking station by 1:00 p.m. Hunters must check in before the hunt and check out after the hunt.

**Ernest Rice** - Apr. 15-16 (30 hunter quota)

**Holly Fork** - Mar. 25-26, 4 hunter quota. Youth special populations only, ages 6-16. Youth special populations are determined by the TWRA and TVA (i.e. life threatening medical condition, juvenile court trustee youth program). Youth must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult. For additional information contact the TWRA Region I office.

**\*Meeman Shelby Forest SP and Natural Area/Eagle Lake Refuge** - Three 3-day hunts: Apr. 3, 5, 8; Apr. 10, 12, 15; Apr. 17, 19, 22. 50 hunter quota per hunt. Successful hunters must check out at the nearest count check station.

**Moss Island** - Apr. 15-16 (30 hunter quota)

**\*Natchez Trace SF** - Apr. 7-9, 14-16, 21-23 (96 hunter quota per hunt - 48 hunters N. of I-40 and 48 hunters S. of I-40) Hunters must sign in and out each day.

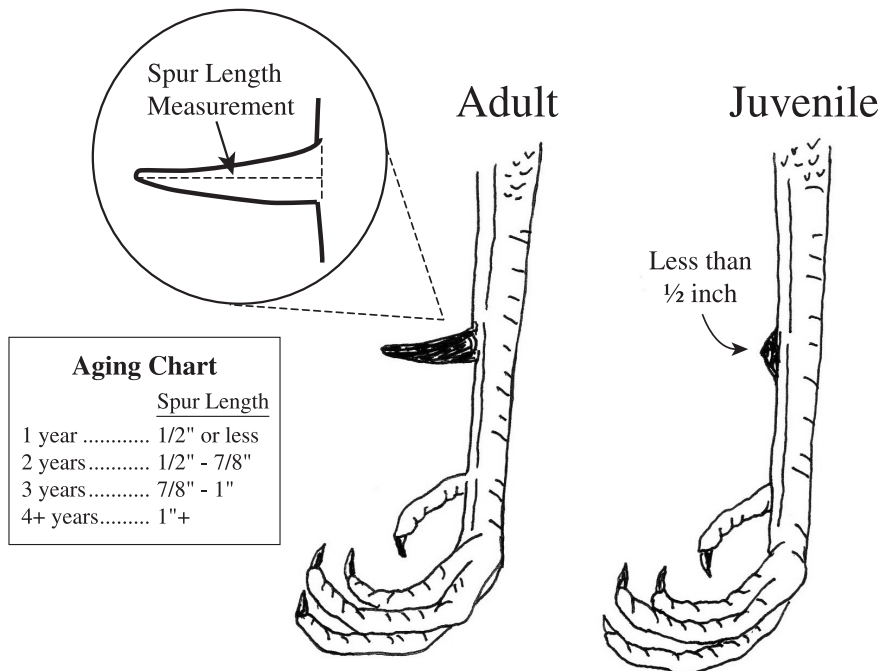
**Oak Ridge** - Apr. 1-2, 8-9 (175 hunter quota per hunt) Hunting ends at noon daily and successful hunters must be at the checking station by 1 p.m. Scouting date for permit holders is Mar. 25, 6:00 a.m. to noon. Hunting area may be reduced and hunts may be cancelled for national security reasons.

**\*Reelfoot WMA/Black Bayou Refuge** - Apr. 14-16 (20 hunter quota)

**Wolf River** - Apr. 14-16 (25 hunter quota), Apr. 21-23 (30 hunter quota) Hunting ends at noon each day and successful hunters must check birds at Wolf River check station by 1 p.m.

**Yuchi Refuge at Smith Bend** - Mar. 31-Apr. 2, Apr. 7-9, 21-23, 25-27, May 2-4 (10 hunter quota per hunt) Hunting stops at noon (EST) each day. No access by boat. Walk in only.

## Measuring a Turkey Spur



# BEAR HUNTING

- The limit on bear for any person participating in state-wide or WMA hunts or both shall not exceed one bear per calendar year.
- Cubs or female bears with cubs at side may not be taken at any time. A cub is defined as a bear weighing 75 pounds or less.
- All bears must be checked out at an official bear checking station designated by the TWRA. Bears may be whole or field dressed but must weigh 75 pounds or greater when checked in.
- The reproductive (sex) organs must remain attached to each bear harvested until the bear has been officially checked out at an official bear checking station.

## BEAR DOG TRAINING SEASON

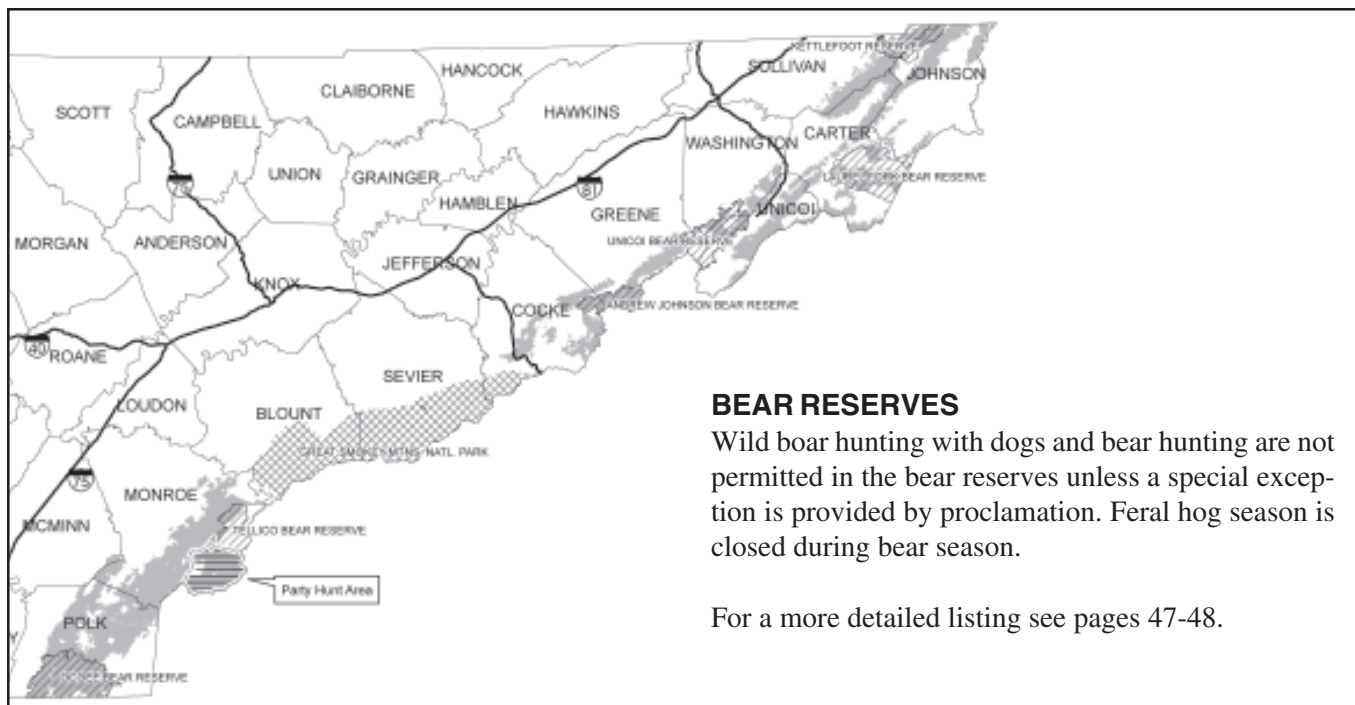
**Cocke, Greene, Sevier** - Open Sep. 6-19. No bears may be taken. No weapons may be possessed. Daylight hours only.

## BEAR CHECKING STATIONS

<b>Blount</b>	Hatcher's Market, Ellejoy Road Rite Shop Food Mart, Hwy. 129, Lanier
<b>Carter</b>	Super Food, Hwy. 91, Stony Creek
<b>Cocke</b>	The Shack, Del Rio Hartford Exxon, Hartford
<b>Greene</b>	Creekside Market, Hwy. 70, Greeneville
<b>Johnson</b>	S&S General Store, Hwy. 421 and 133 Johnson Co. Sheriff's Dept., Mtn. City
<b>Monroe</b>	Shorty's Market, Tellico Plains Vonore Village Shell, Vonore
<b>Polk</b>	Rob's Grocery, Hwy. 30 at Greasy Creek Ocoee Chevron, Hwy. 64, Ducktown
<b>Sevier</b>	Greene's Grocery, Hwy. 321
<b>Sullivan</b>	Buck's, Hwy. 421
<b>Unicoi</b>	Bear Mountain Outfitters, Erwin Erwin State Fish Hatchery
<b>Washington</b>	Crossroads Country Store, Jonesborough

2005 Bear Seasons					
Bear sanctuaries are closed to bear hunting.					
COUNTY	Dogs Permitted			No Dogs Permitted	
	Sep. 26-Oct. 2 G/M/A	Nov. 14-15 G/M/A	Dec. 1-14 G/M/A	Oct. 8-16 Archery Only	Nov. 26-27 G/M/A
Blount	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Carter			✓		
Cocke		✓	✓		✓
Cocke (South of I-40)	✓	✓	✓		✓
Greene		✓	✓		✓
Johnson			✓		
Monroe		✓	✓		✓
Polk (North of Hwy. 64)			✓		
Sevier	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sullivan (East of I-81)			✓		
Unicoi		✓	✓		✓
Washington		✓	✓		✓





## BEAR RESERVES

Wild boar hunting with dogs and bear hunting are not permitted in the bear reserves unless a special exception is provided by proclamation. Feral hog season is closed during bear season.

For a more detailed listing see pages 47-48.

## FERAL HOG HUNTING

Feral hogs are defined as any wild hog found in Tennessee, except on Catoosa, South Cherokee, Cove Mountain and Foothills WMAs (see Boar Hunting below). Feral hogs are considered big game but are not required to be tagged or checked in at big game checking stations.

**Private lands** - Public Hunting Areas (see PHAs, page 54) are considered private land. Open year round, except inholdings on Catoosa and South Cherokee where the season is open with the statewide deer seasons. Dogs prohibited. No limit, either sex. During statewide deer seasons, only weapons legal for hunting deer may be used for hunting feral hogs.

**Publicly owned lands** - Season open during scheduled white-tailed deer hunts unless otherwise specified. Dogs prohibited. No limit, either sex. Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, also open Jan. 18-Feb. 28 (permit required, see page 55).

In the following counties, dogs may be used for hunting feral hogs on the dates indicated. No limit, either sex.

**Monroe, Polk** (east of Hwy. 411 & north of Hwy. 64) - G/M/A, Oct. 10-17

**Blount, Cocke, Sevier** (south of I-40) - G/M/A, Sep. 26-Oct. 2

**Blount, Cocke, Greene, Monroe, Polk** (east of Hwy. 411 & north of Hwy. 64), **Sevier, Unicoi, Washington** - G/M/A, Nov. 14-15

**Blount, Cocke, Monroe, Polk** (east of Hwy. 411 & north of Hwy. 64), **Sevier** - G/M/A, Dec. 1-14

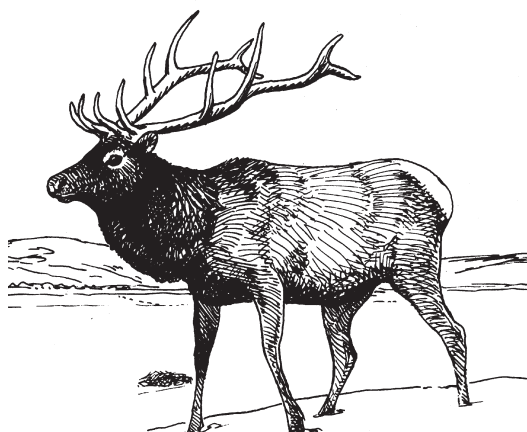
## WILD BOAR HUNTING

Feral hogs are defined as any wild hog found in Tennessee, except on Catoosa, South Cherokee, Cove Mountain and Foothills WMAs, where they are classified as wild boar. Please refer to the WMA section for wild boar hunting in these areas.

Catoosa WMA .....	pg. 41
South Cherokee WMA .....	pg. 48
Cove Mountain WMA .....	pg. 50
Foothills WMA .....	pg. 50

## ELK HUNTING

There is no open season on elk. See pages 57-58 for information on identifying elk from deer.



# WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

---

There are nearly 100 WMAs and refuges across Tennessee managed by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. Varying in size from 53 acres to 625,000, all WMAs are available to the public for hunting and trapping, although certain regulations do apply.

## GENERAL REGULATIONS

**Acts of disorderly**, obnoxious or boisterous conduct, including acts which interfere with the orderly process of hunting, are prohibited. Violators shall be removed from the area and/or prosecuted.

**Alcoholic beverages:** Possession of any alcoholic beverage, narcotic drug, barbiturate or marijuana while hunting within the management area is prohibited. No individual may be under the influence of these substances at any time while within a management area. The use of any alcoholic beverage is prohibited on these areas year round: Catoosa, Cheatham, Chuck Swan, Forks of the River, Laurel Hill, Pea Ridge, and Prentice Cooper, except in designated camping areas.

**Bag limits:** Statewide bag and possession limits apply unless special exception is indicated.

**Baiting:** The placement or depositing of any type of food to feed or attract wildlife on WMAs is prohibited.

**Dog training for small game:** See specific wildlife management area for regulations.

**Firearms:** Use, possession or transportation of firearms, bows and arrows or other arms and ammunition is expressly prohibited except when authorized. Firearms loaded with ammunition in either the chamber or magazine may not be transported in vehicles.

**Horses** permitted on roads and trails open to motorized traffic and other trails or routes established for their use, except as otherwise indicated. Riding off roads into fields, woods or on foot trails is prohibited unless otherwise provided.

**Hunters** (except raccoon, opossum, turkey, and waterfowl hunters) may not enter prior to one hour before sunrise, and they must be out of the area by one hour after sunset. Raccoon and opossum hunters must be out of the area by one hour after sunrise except on Cherokee WMA. Public access will be prohibited in the subimpoundments of Barkley Unit I, Cheatham Lake, Haynes Bottom, Old Hickory Units I and II, Camden Units I and II, Big Sandy, Gooch Unit A, Tigrett, and West Sandy from two hours after legal waterfowl shooting hours have ended until 4:00 a.m. the following day during the late duck season(s).

**Hunting near private dwellings:** It is unlawful to hunt,

shoot at, chase or kill with or without dogs any wild animal, wild birds or waterfowl on public lands and waters within 100 yards of a visible dwelling house whether or not such a dwelling is on public or private lands, without the owner's permission.

**Litter:** No litter or sewage may be deposited in the area.

**Motorized vehicles:** All motorized vehicles must be muffler equipped to suppress noise and be spark-arrestor equipped to prevent fires. Operation of motorized vehicles is confined to roads not designated as closed. Off-road vehicles are restricted to roads open to other motorized traffic (except where prohibited by state or federal statute) and designated trails only. ORVs may be operated during daylight hours and at other times when participating in authorized activities. Driving off roads into woods, fields or utility right-of-ways is prohibited for all motorized vehicles. Motorized vehicles may be prohibited on any Agency-owned wildlife management area if deemed necessary to protect wildlife, vegetation and/or property.

**No person shall damage or remove** any trees or other plants, dirt, gravel or sod from any wildlife management area or other Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency-controlled lands without specific authorization.

**No species of wildlife** may be harassed except those authorized for the hunt and no animal killed shall be dismembered to the extent that its species and sex cannot be identified before checking out of the area.

**Overnight camping** may be permitted on designated areas by permission from area manager, park ranger, lake manager, park superintendent or national forest supervisor. Such camping is subject to the limitation prescribed in the permit, if required. On areas where overnight camping is permitted, weapons must remain in camp except during legal hunting hours. Individuals authorized to carry handguns (those with hand-gun permits) may **not** carry their sidearms within wildlife management areas except on authorized hunts and then only during specified hunting hours.

**Safety zones:** Hunting is prohibited in safety zones except where provided.

**Target practice** prohibited except on designated ranges. See page 56 for a list of TWRA firing ranges.

**Unauthorized persons are prohibited** from being in the area during big game hunts except when indicated. Unauthorized persons are prohibited from being in the wildlife management area during managed turkey hunts, except on the Cherokee, Royal Blue, Sundquist,

Tellico Lake, and Land Between the Lakes wildlife management areas. Only persons having valid turkey hunt permits for the hunt date are authorized to be on the management area. **Exception:** *A licensed hunter may accompany a hunter with a valid permit to assist him in calling. The assisting hunter may not have a firearm in his possession at any time and may not harvest a bird. Check with the WMA area manager prior to the hunt date.*

**Calling or attempting to call wild turkeys** using any sound that mimics those made by a wild turkey is prohibited from March 1 to the opening day of the spring turkey hunts on all WMAs.

**Wanton waste** requires hunters to retrieve all crippled or dead game if possible and prohibits disposal of dead wildlife on WMAs.

**Wheelchair bound hunts, zones, or blinds** are open to hunters who are totally and permanently confined to a wheelchair as certified by a physician. On wheelchair bound deer hunts, each wheelchair bound hunter must be accompanied by a non-hunting assistant (age 16 years or older), except on Cordell Hull WMA and Yuchi WMA, where the assistant may also participate in hunting. On wheelchair bound waterfowl hunts, each wheelchair bound hunter must be accompanied by at least one, but not more than three assistants (at least one of whom must be age 16 years or older), who may also participate in hunting.

## BIG GAME HUNTING ON WMAS

**Permits:** WMAs with a “BG” after the name require a *Big Game WMA Permit* in order to hunt big game, in addition to the regular hunting and big game licenses. There are two types of big game WMA permits for all WMAs depending upon the hunt: *Quota* and *Annual Nonquota Special Season/WMA Big Game*. *Quota Permits* must be obtained by application to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, and are allocated based upon a computer random drawing. *Annual Nonquota Special Season/WMA Big Game Permits* (Type 094), or Type 167 permits are available at all license agents and offices of the TWRA and are valid for all non-quota big game hunts, including the Cherokee WMA, for the entire license year. Lifetime Sportsman and Sportsman License holders do not need to purchase the nonquota permit, and may apply for quota permits at no charge.

**On the Cherokee WMA**, a Type 094, Type 095 or Type 167 is required to hunt big game and is valid for all nonquota Cherokee WMA big game hunts. Type 095 permits are not valid for any other WMA.

**Anyone hunting with a borrowed permit** will be prose-

cuted for hunting during closed season. WMA permits are not transferable.

**Young Sportsman’s Hunts:** Young Sportsman’s deer hunts are for youths age 6-16 unless otherwise noted. Proper licenses and permits required. Each youth must be accompanied by a nonhunting adult. Both adult and youth must wear 500 square inches of fluorescent orange.

**Youths hunting big game on a WMA:** An appropriate hunting license and proof of Hunter Education certification is required if 10 years or older. All youths, age 6-16, are required to have a WMA permit (Type 094) or a quota permit where applicable, unless they are hunting with a Lifetime License. Youths age 6-16 may also apply for WMA quota hunts. Youths age 6-16 must be accompanied by a nonhunting adult, 21 years of age or older, who must remain in a position to take immediate control of the hunting device, who is not required to have a license (if not hunting) but must wear 500 square inches of fluorescent orange.

**Quota hunt permits:** Applications for WMA quota hunts are available from any TWRA office and most license agents. Deer quota hunt applications must be postmarked no later than the third Wednesday in July. Party-still and party-dog hunt applications for the Cherokee WMA must be postmarked by the third Wednesday in July. WMA quota hunt applications may also be downloaded from the TWRA website (<http://www.tnwildlife.org>).

**Muzzleloading firearms** are legal on all gun/archery hunts except where indicated under the individual WMA listings.

### On Oak Ridge and Yuchi WMAs, antlered bucks legal for harvest must have 4 or more one-inch antler points on one side of the rack or an outside antler spread of 15 inches or larger. When judging the size of antlers in the field, remember the general guideline that if the outside antler spread is wider than the buck’s ears, then the outside antler spread is at least 15 inches.



**Feral hogs** may be taken during any big game hunt on WMAs or refuges, except during spring turkey season when they may be taken by archery tackle only. The taking of feral hogs is prohibited on Catoosa, Cove Mountain, Foothills, and South Cherokee WMAs.

**Deer bag limits** - For WMAs open with the statewide deer season, deer harvested count towards statewide bag limits. Deer taken on buck-only hunts must have antlers a minimum of three (3) inches in length unless otherwise specified. On antlerless only hunts, antlerless deer are defined as those deer with no antlers or deer with antlers less than three (3) inches in length.

**Tagging and Checking Stations:** It is unlawful to move, transport or field dress any big game animal, except for feral hogs without invalidating and attaching a properly completed temporary kill tag. On WMAs where the bag limit is more than one big game animal, the temporary kill tag, which is part of the big game license, must be dated and attached to the first animal before it is moved, transported or field dressed. The hunter may continue to hunt until the end of the day; however, all harvested animals, one of which must be tagged, must be transported to the nearest checking station on that calendar day. At the checking station a permanent kill tag will be issued for each animal harvested plus one new temporary tag will be given to the hunter for their next hunt. If the WMA checking station is closed, hunters must check their big game through local county checking stations. All big game animals harvested on a WMA where a permit is required and checked at a county checking station, must be designated as a WMA big game animal, unless otherwise specified.

**Tree Stands:** The use of wire, nails or other metal material is prohibited in the building or attaching of climbing devices or hunting stands. Portable devices or stands that do not injure trees can be used. Hunting from permanent, attached stands is prohibited. Leaving any personal property, including tree stands, unattended for more than 24 hours is prohibited without prior approval of the area manager.

## SMALL GAME HUNTING ON WMAS

**Permits:** In order to hunt or trap small game on WMAs with a “SG” after the name, individuals are required to have one of the following permits in addition to the regular hunting or trapping license. (The exception: Lifetime Sportsman and Sportsman License holders or youths age 6-16 who are accompanied by an adult with a valid permit). *Annual Senior Citizen Permit (Type 167)*, *Annual Small Game only (Type 093)*; *1-Day Small Game and Waterfowl (Type 092)*; or *An-*

*nual Small Game and Waterfowl (Type 091)*.

**Closures during big game hunts:** Closures may apply; see specific WMA listing for those closures.

**Fox, groundhog, and striped skunk** hunting is permitted on all wildlife management areas during any scheduled small game hunt unless special exception is indicated.

**Coyote** may be taken on any hunt but only with a weapon that is legal for that hunt.

**Crow** may be taken on small game hunt days that coincide with the statewide crow season (see pg. 8).

**Falconry** open with statewide falconry seasons.

**Bobcat** may be taken on any hunt that coincides with the statewide bobcat season except Oak Ridge WMA.

**Raccoon and opossum** hunting is from sunset of the date shown to sunrise of the next day. Raccoon hound field trials permitted Sep. 1-Apr. 30 unless prohibited.

**Small game** (except raccoon) and retriever field trials permitted year-round with approval of the Area Manager unless otherwise specified.

**Dogs allowed for small game hunting** *except spring squirrel season on Region III and Region IV WMAs and unless special exception is indicated. A permit is required for dog training on areas which require a small game permit.* On Cherokee and LBL management areas, dogs allowed on improved roads and in permitted camping areas. All dogs must be detained by chain or leash if not being legally used for hunting.

## WATERFOWL HUNTING ON WMAS

**Permits:** WMAs with a “WF” after the name require either an *Annual Small Game and Waterfowl permit (Type 091)*; or a *1-Day Small Game and Waterfowl permit (Type 092)* in addition to a *regular hunting license (Type 001)* and *Waterfowl license (Type 005)*. There are three exceptions: Lifetime Sportsman and Sportsman License holders and youths age 6-16 who are accompanied by an adult with a valid permit, do not need a permit. Nonresidents, however, must have either a Type 091 or Type 092 in addition to their license.

**Blind Site Drawings:** A hand drawing will be held on the first Saturday in August for permanent waterfowl draw blind sites on *Barkley Unit I, Big Sandy (including Gin Creek Unit), Camden Units I and II, Cheatham Lake, Cordell Hull, Gooch Unit A, Harmon’s Creek, Haynes Bottom, Old Hickory Units I and II, Tigrett, AEDC (Woods Reservoir), West Sandy, and Reelfoot*. Individuals wishing to compete in the drawing must appear in person at the designated location, with the appropriate licenses and permits and submit an application between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. The drawing

will be held immediately after the last person signs up. One application is permitted per person and no one may apply for more than one area. Each applicant must be at least sixteen (16) years of age to compete in the drawing or sign-on.

**Permanent registered and permanent draw blinds:**

Waterfowl hunting on all the above WMAs (except *Big Sandy, Camden Unit II, Harmon's Creek, Barkley Unit II, Reelfoot, and West Sandy*) permitted only from permanent blinds allocated by the hand-held drawing, unless otherwise specified. On *Big Sandy, Camden Unit II, Cordell Hull, Harmon's Creek, Barkley Unit II, Reelfoot, and West Sandy* hunting is permitted from registered blinds and from temporary blinds or hides. Blinds, hides, and decoys must be removed from temporary sites at the end of the shooting hours each day.

**The permittee**, who is the person to whom the TWRA issued the permit, must occupy his/her blind by the legal daily opening shooting time on days he/she wishes to hunt, and if the blind is unoccupied at that time by the permittee, the first person or party occupying the blind shall be entitled to the privilege of its exclusive and uninterrupted use until the end of shooting hours that day. Exclusive and uninterrupted use entitles the person or party the right to exclude all others from the blind, at the person's or party's option, except for law enforcement personnel engaged in the performance of their duties. The permittee has priority use (exclusive and uninterrupted) only if he/she is at the blind on or before the legal daily opening shooting time, regardless of whether or not the blind is occupied by another person or party, provided the permittee produces identification and his/her blind permit. No more than 8 individuals age 16 or older may occupy a permanent draw blind at any time. No restrictions on the number of youths under age 16.

**Bogota Computer Draw Sites** - Application for permits can be obtained from all TWRA offices and many license agents after waterfowl seasons are set. Applications for quota hunts may be downloaded from TWRA's website (<http://www.tnwildlife.org>). The application is for a maximum number of four (4) hunters per party. Each individual hunter can only apply on one application. Youths six (6) through sixteen (16) years of age, prior to the hunt, may apply. However, they must apply in a party of at least one adult, twenty-one (21) years of age or older. Application must be received by TWRA as specified on the application. Each application must be accompanied by appropriate fees for each applicant. A computer draw will be conducted to determine successful applicants.

**West Sandy (Springville Bottoms) and Reelfoot registered blinds** - West Sandy blind sites must be registered at the designated location on the first Saturday in August by 10:00 a.m. CST. Reelfoot blinds must be registered with the TWRA manager prior to August 1. Lifetime Sportsman License or Sportsman License or an Annual Small Game and Waterfowl Permit (Type 091), or Type 167 is required at registration except Reelfoot where a Reelfoot Duck Blind Permit is required. Individuals claiming blind sites on these areas may not compete for blind site drawings on other areas.

All blind sites will be given a registration number, which must be displayed, using lettering 2 inches or larger inside the blind, or on a stake at floating blind sites. When floating blinds are moved to designated blind stakes, the number must be immediately transferred from the stake to the blind. No blind may be constructed or repaired or any floating blinds moved onto the area that have not met the deadlines for registering the blind and displaying the registration number. Unregistered and/or unnumbered blinds are subject to removal.

No blind may be locked or barricaded to deny entrance to other hunters when the blind is not in use.

**Wheelchair-bound blind sites** - Certain WMAs have special blind sites established for wheelchair-bound hunters. See specific WMAs for regulations if applicable.

**Temporary blinds and decoys** must be removed at the end of shooting hours each day.

**All decoys** must be removed by the owner of the blind within ten days after the close of waterfowl season.

**Consult the 2005 Waterfowl Guide for additional restrictions.**

## **TRAPPING ON WMAS**

**Permits:** A WMA small game permit is required to trap on all areas that require a small game hunt permit.

### **PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS**

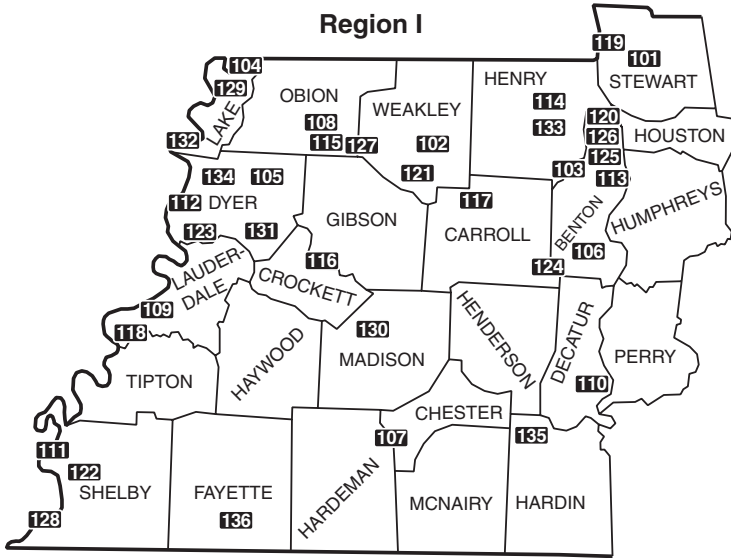
**SG** - Small game WMA permit or combination waterfowl and small game WMA permit. Small game permit also required for trapping.

**WF** - Combination waterfowl and small game WMA permit.

**BG** - Big game quota trip permit or nonquota WMA annual permit.

**NP** - No permit required.

# WMA HUNTING - REGION I



**101-BARKLEY** - Located in **Stewart County**, Hwy. 79 downstream to River Mile 85. David Ulderich (731) 593-0588 or Region I (731) 423-5725. 8,090 acres.

## UNIT I - SG, BG, WF

**Dove, opossum, quail, rabbit, raccoon, snipe, squirrel, trapping, Fall turkey, waterfowl, woodcock** - Same as the statewide seasons except that waterfowl hunting is permitted only on Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday during waterfowl seasons with fewer than 45 days and is permitted on Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday during waterfowl seasons with 45 days or more. Waterfowl hunting allowed only from permanent draw blinds and designated temporary blind sites. During the late duck season, all activities are prohibited in the subimpoundments when waterfowl hunting is closed. All activities are prohibited in the subimpoundments six days prior to the opening day(s) of the statewide duck season. Fishing, trapping, and hunting of all species other than waterfowl prohibited in the subimpoundments during the late duck season(s). No trapping during duck season.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15 except closed during the late duck season.

**Deer, Fall turkey** - Same as the statewide seasons, except closed to statewide archery during the Young Sportsman hunt on Oct. 8-9. Deer counts toward statewide bag.

**Deer - gun/archery - Young Sportsman** - One 2-day hunt. Oct. 8-9. No quota. One deer, either sex. Bonus deer. Statewide archery and small game seasons closed during this hunt.

**UNIT II - SG, BG, WF** - (all of Barkley WMA except that defined as Unit I).

**Dove, opossum, quail, rabbit, raccoon, snipe, squirrel, trapping, Fall turkey, waterfowl, woodcock** - Same as the statewide seasons. Waterfowl hunting is allowed from temporary blinds only which must be removed at the end of the day. Decoys must be picked up each day. Statewide archery season closed during Oct. 8-9 Young Sportsman hunt.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15.

**Deer** - Same as the statewide seasons, except closed to statewide 8-9 Deer counts toward statewide bag.

**Deer - gun/archery - Young Sportsman** - One 2-day hunt. Oct. 8-9. No quota. One deer, either sex. Bonus deer. Statewide archery and small game seasons closed during this hunt.

**102-BEAN SWITCH REFUGE** - **BG, SG** - Located in **Weakley County** off Hwy. 54 near Greenfield on Middle Fork of the Obion River. Larry Armstrong (731) 749-5587. 530 acres. Same as the statewide seasons except closed to all activities Nov. 1-Mar. 1. Closed to waterfowl and dove hunting.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**Deer - gun/archery - Young Sportsman** - One 2-day hunt. Oct. 8-9. No quota. One deer, either sex. Bonus deer. Statewide archery and small game seasons closed during this hunt.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15 except closed Nov. 1-Mar. 1.

**103-BIG SANDY** (including Gin Creek Unit) - **SG, WF, BG** - Located in **Benton/Henry counties**. David Ulderich (731) 593-0588 or Region I (731) 423-5725. 2,370 acres.

**Dove, opossum, quail, rabbit, raccoon, Fall turkey, snipe, squirrel, trapping, woodcock** - Same as the statewide seasons. No trapping during late duck season.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15, except closed during late duck season.

**Deer** - Same as the statewide seasons, except closed to statewide archery and small game seasons during the Young Sportsman hunt on Oct. 8-9. Deer counts toward statewide bag.

**Deer - gun/archery - Young Sportsman** - One 2-day hunt. Oct. 8-9. No quota. One deer, either sex. Bonus deer. Statewide archery and small game seasons closed during this hunt.

**Waterfowl** - Same as the statewide seasons except that waterfowl hunting is permitted only on Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and the first and last day of each segment of the late statewide duck and goose seasons. During the late duck season, all activities are prohibited in the subimpoundments when waterfowl hunting is closed. All activities are prohibited in the subimpoundments six days prior to the opening day(s) of the statewide duck season. Any temporary blinds or hides and decoys must be at least 200 yards from any permanent blind and removed at the end of shooting hours each day.

**104-BLACK BAYOU REFUGE - SG** - Located in **Lake** County five miles north of Tiptonville on Hwy. 78. Paul Brown (731) 253-7343. 1,350 acres. All small game hunters must use non-toxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

**Dove, opossum, quail, rabbit, raccoon, snipe, squirrel, woodcock** - Same as the statewide seasons, except closed to all hunting after Nov. 14.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**Rabbit - quota hunt** - Four 1-day hunts. Oct. 8, 9, 15, 16. Six party quota. Six hunters per party. Six dogs per party. Bag limit five rabbits per hunter per hunt. Sign-up for hunt will be at the Reelfoot Lake WMA office parking lot Sep. 10 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. A drawing will be held immediately following the sign-up period. Hunters must be present for sign-up and drawing.

**Deer - archery** - Two hunts, Sep. 24-Oct 28, Oct. 31-13. No quota. Three deer, either sex, per segment (bonus deer). Small game hunting allowed.

**Deer - gun/archery - Young Sportsman** - One 2-day hunt. Oct. 29-30. No quota. One deer, either sex. Deer counts toward statewide bag.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Nov. 13.

**105-BOGOTA - BG, SG, WF** - Located in **Dyer** County. Carl Wirwa (731) 696-3197. 1,300 acres.

**Deer, dove, opossum, raccoon, squirrel, Fall turkey** - Same as the statewide seasons except dove season opens Sep. 4 (designated fields only). Deer counts toward statewide bag.

**Dove** - Young Sportsman - Sep. 3, noon until sunset. Each youth must be accompanied by a nonhunting adult.

**Waterfowl -All pools except Pool 1** - Waterfowl hunting is by special quota permit only (see page 26 under Waterfowl Hunting On WMAs).

**Waterfowl - Pool 1 only** - Same as the statewide seasons, except hunting of waterfowl during the late duck season is permitted only on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and the first and last day of each segment of the late

duck season. All hunting shall cease at 3:00 p.m. (CST) each day, except the last day of the season when hunting shall close at sunset.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Oct. 31

**106-CAMDEN UNIT I - SG, BG, WF** - Located in **Benton** County, Hwy. 70, west of New Johnsonville. David Ulderich (731) 593-0588 or Region I (731) 423-5725. 3,682 acres.

**Opossum, quail, rabbit, raccoon, snipe, squirrel, trapping, Fall turkey, waterfowl, woodcock** - Same as the statewide seasons except waterfowl hunting shall close at 3:00 p.m. (CST) each day of the regular statewide waterfowl seasons, except the last day of each segment of the late duck season and remaining goose seasons when hunting shall close at sunset. Fishing, trapping, and hunting of all species other than waterfowl prohibited in the subimpoundments during the late duck season(s). Waterfowl hunting allowed only from permanent draw blinds and designated temporary blind sites. All activities are prohibited in the subimpoundments six days prior to the opening day(s) of the statewide duck season. No trapping during duck season.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15 except closed during the late duck season.

**Deer** - Same as the statewide seasons except closed to statewide archery and small game seasons during the Young Sportsman deer hunt on Oct. 8-9. Closed during the late duck season. Deer counts toward statewide bag.

**Deer - gun/archery - Young Sportsman** - One 2-day hunt. Oct. 8-9. No quota. One deer, either sex. Bonus deer. Statewide archery and small game seasons closed during this hunt.

**UNIT II - SG, WF, BG** - Same as the statewide hunting and trapping seasons. Any temporary waterfowl blinds or hides and decoys must be at least 200 yards from any permanent blind and removed at the end of shooting hours each day.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15 except closed during the late duck season.

**Deer, Fall turkey** - Same as the statewide seasons except closed to statewide archery during the Young Sportsman deer hunt on Oct. 8-9. Deer counts toward statewide bag.

**Deer - gun/archery - Young Sportsman** - One 2-day hunt. Oct. 8-9. No quota. One deer, either sex. Bonus deer. Statewide archery and small game seasons closed during this hunt.

**107-CHICKASAW STATE FOREST - NP** - Located in **Hardeman/Chester** counties. Region I Office (731) 423-5725. 11,215 acres.

**Dove, furbearers, quail, rabbit, snipe, squirrel, trapping, waterfowl, woodcock** - Same as the statewide hunting and trapping seasons. Closed to turkey hunting.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**Deer** - Same as the statewide seasons except closed to county special season antlerless hunts. Two antlered deer only during G/M/A season. Deer counts toward statewide bag.

**Deer - gun/archery - Young Sportsman** - One 2-day hunt. Oct. 8-9. No quota. One deer, either sex. Bonus deer. Statewide archery and small game seasons closed during this hunt.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15

**108-C. M. GOOCH - SG, BG, WF** - Located in **Obion** County, east of Hwy. 51 and south of Obion. Larry Armstrong (731) 749-5587. 7,000 acres.

**Dove, opossum, quail, rabbit, raccoon, snipe, squirrel, trapping, Fall turkey, woodcock** - Same as the statewide seasons except Units A and E are closed during the waterfowl seasons and are closed to all activities six days prior to the first segment of the late duck season.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**Waterfowl** - Same as the statewide season except waterfowl hunting closes at 3:00 p.m. on Units A and E. Waterfowl hunting on the last day of each segment of the duck and remaining goose seasons close at sunset. Fishing and trapping prohibited in Units A and E during the waterfowl season.

**Deer** - Same as the statewide seasons except closed six (6) days prior to and during the statewide waterfowl seasons on Units A and E. Closed to statewide archery during Young Sportsman deer hunt on Oct. 8-9. Deer counts toward statewide bag.

**Deer - gun/archery - Young Sportsman** - One 2-day hunt. Oct. 8-9. No quota. One deer, either sex. Bonus deer. Statewide archery and small game seasons closed during this hunt.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15.

**109-COLD CREEK - SG, BG, WF** - Located in **Lauderdale** County, west of Ripley, south of Hwy. 19 and west of Sunk Lake Road. Jeff Martin (731) 738-0233. 2,018 acres. Camping permitted in designated camp sites only. Some roads may be posted as closed to motorized vehicles during the deer hunts.

**Deer** - Same as statewide seasons except antlered deer must be spikes or have 9 points or more. Antler points must be one inch or longer. Deer counts toward state-

wide bag limit. All deer taken must be checked out at Cold Creek Grocery, Woodard's Grocery or the Lauderdale Co. Sheriff's Dept.

**Dove, opossum, quail, rabbit, raccoon, snipe, squirrel, trapping, Fall turkey, woodcock** - Same as the statewide seasons.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, no dogs allowed.

**Waterfowl** - Same as the statewide seasons, except shooting ends at 3:00 p.m. Temporary blinds only and decoys must be removed at the end of each day.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15. Retriever trials permitted year-round.

**110-CYPRESS POND REFUGE - SG, BG** - Located in **Decatur** County, East Decatur, south of Whites Creek on the Tennessee River. Robert Smith (731) 423-5725. 585 acres. Closed to waterfowl hunting. Same as statewide seasons, except closed to all hunting and dog training Nov. 1-Mar. 1.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**111-EAGLE LAKE REFUGE - SG, BG** - Located in **Shelby** County adjacent to Shelby Forest WMA. Jeff Martin (731) 738-0233. 3,208 acres. Waterfowl hunting prohibited. Dog training prohibited. **Closed to all hunting Nov. 1-March 1.** Access to the south end of Shelby Forest WMA through Eagle Lake Refuge will be allowed during hunting seasons.

**Dove, opossum, quail, rabbit, raccoon, snipe, squirrel, woodcock** - Open Monday, Wednesday and Saturday within statewide seasons. Non-toxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service is required for small game hunting. No Spring squirrel season.

**Deer - archery** - Open Monday, Wednesday and Saturday during the first segment of Unit A archery season, Sep. 24-Oct. 28. Deer counts toward statewide bag. Small game hunting allowed during deer season.

**112-ERNEST RICE, SR. - SG, BG, WF** - Located in **Dyer** County. Carl Wirwa (731) 696-3197. 2,500 acres. **Dove, opossum, quail, rabbit, raccoon, snipe, squirrel, trapping, waterfowl, woodcock** - Same as the statewide seasons except closed Dec. 17-18. Waterfowl hunting from temporary blinds only, which must be removed at the end of the day.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**Deer - archery** - Sep. 24-Oct. 28. No hunter quota. Two deer, either sex. Bucks must be spike or nine antler points or better. Deer counts toward statewide bag.

**Deer - archery** - Dec. 24-Jan. 8. No hunter quota. Two deer, either sex (bonus deer). Bucks must be spike or nine antler points or better.

**Deer - gun/muzzleloader/archery** - One 2-day hunt. Dec. 17-18. No hunter quota. One deer, antlered only. Must be spike or nine antler points or better. Deer

counts toward statewide bag.

**Deer - gun/archery - Young Sportsman** - One 2-day hunt. Oct. 29-30. No hunter quota. Deer counts toward statewide bag.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15

**113-HARMON CREEK - SG, WF, BG** - Located in **Benton** County. David Ulderich (731) 593-0588 or Region I (731) 423-5725. 983 acres. Same as the statewide hunting and trapping seasons. Any temporary waterfowl blinds or hides and decoys must be at least 200 yards from any permanent blind and removed at the end of shooting hours each day.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15.

**Deer - gun/archery - Young Sportsman** - One 2-day hunt. Oct. 8-9. No quota. One deer, either sex. Bonus deer. Statewide archery and small game seasons closed during this hunt.

**114-HOLLY FORK - SG, WF, BG** - Located in **Henry** County, east of Paris. Dan Fuqua, Region I (731) 423-5725. 154 acres

**Dove** - Two 1-day hunts, Sep. 10 and Sep. 17. Hunting from noon to sunset only. Wheelchair-bound hunting only, with one hunting assistant, from staked positions. First come, first serve.

**Deer - muzzleloader** - Nov. 5-11. Four hunting stations are open for wheelchair-bound hunters and special youth populations by reservation. Reservations for a hunting station will be taken on a first-come first-served basis by calling the TWRA Region I office on or after the first Monday in October or prior to the day of hunting. Wheelchair-bound hunters must be accompanied by a non-hunting assistant. Youth special populations, ages 16 and under, must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult 21 years of age or older. Bag limit is one deer, either sex per hunter (bonus deer).

**115-HOP-IN REFUGE - SG, BG** - Located in **Obion** County on the South Fork of the Obion River, Hwy. 89 near Kenton. Larry Armstrong (731) 749-5587. 650 acres.

**Deer, opossum, raccoon, snipe, squirrel, Fall turkey** - Same as the statewide seasons. Deer counts toward statewide bag. Closed to all activities Nov. 1-Mar. 1 except designated observation areas. Closed to waterfowl and dove hunting.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**Deer - gun/archery - Young Sportsman** - One 2-day hunt. Oct. 8-9. No quota. One deer, either sex. Bonus deer. Statewide archery and small game seasons closed during this hunt.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15 except closed Nov. 1-Mar. 1.

**116-HORNS BLUFF REFUGE - NP** - Located in **Crockett/Gibson** counties six miles northeast of Alamo off Hwy. 54. 1,790 acres. Carl Wirwa (731) 696-3197. Closed to all activities Nov. 1-Mar. 1 except designated observation areas.

**Canada goose** - same as West TN Zone.

**Deer, dove, opossum, raccoon, squirrel, Fall turkey** - Same as the statewide seasons except closed Nov. 1-Mar. 1. Deer counts toward statewide bag. Firearms prohibited for deer hunting.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**Wood duck/teal** - Same as statewide season.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15 except closed Nov. 1-Mar. 1.

**117-JARRELL SWITCH REFUGE - SG, BG, WF** - Located in **Carroll** County near McKenzie on the South Fork of the Obion River. Region I Office (731) 423-5725. 250 acres.

**Deer, dove, opossum, raccoon, squirrel, Fall turkey** - Same as the statewide seasons. Deer counts toward statewide bag. Closed to all activities Nov. 1-Mar. 1 except designated observation areas. Closed to waterfowl hunting.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15 except closed Nov. 1-Mar. 1.

**118-JOHN TULLY - SG, BG** - Located in **Lauderdale** County, Hwy. 19 west of Ripley and Hwy. 87 west of Henning. Jeff Martin (731) 738-0233. 12,000 acres. Camping permitted in designated camp sites only. Some roads may be posted as closed to motorized vehicles during the deer hunts.

**Dove, opossum, quail, rabbit, raccoon, snipe, squirrel, trapping, Fall turkey, woodcock** - Same as the statewide seasons.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, no dogs allowed.

**Waterfowl** - Same as the statewide seasons, except shooting ends at 3:00 p.m. Temporary blinds only and decoys must be removed at the end of each day.

**Deer** - Same as statewide seasons except antlered deer must be spikes or have 9 points or more. Antler points must be one inch or longer. Deer counts toward statewide bag. All deer taken must be checked out at Cold Creek Grocery, Woodard's Grocery or the Lauderdale Co. Sheriff's Dept.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15. Retriever trials permitted year-round.

**119-LAND BETWEEN THE LAKES** - Located in **Stewart** County, between Paris Landing and Dover. For information, contact USDA-Forest Service, LBL, 100 Van Morgan Drive, Golden Pond, KY 42211, (270) 924-2000. 170,000 acres (60,000 in TN).

**120-LICK CREEK - SG, BG, WF** - Located in **Benton** County. David Ulderich (731) 593-0588 or Region I (731) 423-5725. 198 acres. Same as the statewide hunting and trapping seasons. Waterfowl hunting allowed from temporary blinds only which must be removed at the end of the day. Decoys must be picked up each day.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**Deer, Fall turkey** - Same statewide, except closed to statewide archery during the Young Sportsman hunt on Oct. 8-9. Deer counts toward statewide bag.

**Deer - gun/archery - Young Sportsman** - One 2-day hunt. Oct. 8-9. No quota. One deer, either sex. Bonus deer. Statewide archery and small game seasons closed during this hunt.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15.

**121-MANESS SWAMP REFUGE - SG, BG** - Located in **Weakley** and **Gibson** counties at the Junction of South and Middle Forks of the Obion River. Larry Armstrong (731) 749-5587. 1,200 acres. Public use including all forms of trespass is prohibited from Nov. 1-Feb. 14 except as otherwise indicated.

**Canada goose** - same as West TN Zone.

**Coyote, opossum, quail, rabbit, raccoon, squirrel, Fall turkey, waterfowl, woodcock** - Same as the statewide seasons except closed to all hunting Nov. 1-Feb. 14.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**Wood duck/teal** - Same as statewide season.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Oct. 31, Feb. 15-28.

**Deer** - Same as statewide seasons, except closed to statewide archery during Young Sportsman deer hunt Oct. 8-9. Deer counts toward statewide bag.

**Deer - gun/archery - Young Sportsman** - One 2-day hunt. Oct. 8-9. No quota. One deer, either sex. Bonus deer. Statewide archery and small game seasons closed during this hunt.

**122-MEEMAN-SHELBY FOREST STATE PARK AND NATURAL AREA - SG, WF, BG** - Located in **Shelby** County, near Millington, north of Memphis. Jeff Martin (731) 738-0233. 13,000 acres. Shotguns, muzzleloader and archery equipment only. Rifles and handguns prohibited. On all Young Sportsman hunts, youths 10-16 must be accompanied by nonhunting adult.

**Trapping**- Beaver trapping by permit only, issued by area manager. Trapping of all other species prohibited.

**Dog training** - Open Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday, Sep. 1-Mar 15.

**Field trials** - Sep. 1-April 30.

**Squirrel - Young Sportsman** - Aug. 20.

**Dove, opossum, quail, rabbit, raccoon, snipe, squirrel, woodcock** - Open Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday within the statewide seasons. Small game hunting allowed during big game hunts. Small game hunters must meet legal fluorescent orange requirements during deer gun hunts. Raccoon and opossum open Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday, sunset to sunrise.

**Deer** - Open Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday during the statewide seasons. Successful hunters must check out at the nearest county checking station. Deer counts toward statewide bag limit. Closed to special season antlerless hunts.

**Waterfowl** - Open Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday within the statewide duck season and the last 7 days of the statewide duck season except Sunday. Waterfowl hunting allowed on all deer hunts. No permanent blinds. No decoys left overnight.

**Beaver** - Open during any hunt date. No limit.

**123-MOSS ISLAND - SG, BG, WF** - Located in **Dyer** County, six miles south of Hwy. 20 on Mississippi River Levee, 23 miles west of Dyersburg. Carl Wirwa (731) 696-3197. 3,400 acres.

**Dove, opossum, quail, rabbit, raccoon, snipe, squirrel, trapping, waterfowl, woodcock** - Same as the statewide seasons except closed Dec. 17-18. Waterfowl hunting from temporary blinds only which must be removed at the end of the day. Decoys must be picked up each day.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**Deer - archery** - Sep. 24-Oct. 28. No hunter quota. Two deer, either sex. Bucks must be spike or nine antler points or better. Deer counts toward statewide bag.

**Deer - archery** - Dec. 24-Jan. 8. No hunter quota. Two deer, either sex (bonus deer). Bucks must be spike or nine antler points or better.

**Deer - gun/muzzleloader/archery** - One 2-day hunt. Dec. 17-18. No hunter quota. One deer, antlered only. Must be spike or nine antler points or better. Deer counts toward statewide bag.

**Deer - gun/archery - Young Sportsman** - One 2-day hunt. Oct. 29-30. No hunter quota. Deer counts toward statewide bag.

**124-NATCHEZ TRACE STATE FOREST - SG, BG** - Located in **Benton/Carroll/Henderson** counties, off I-40, Exit 116. David Ulderich, (731) 968-5351. 48,000 acres. On both the North and South Units deer must be checked in at the WMA checking station when in operation. When WMA checking station is closed, deer must be checked at county checking stations and designated as a Natchez Trace deer. Deer counts toward Unit A or L bag, depending on the county.

**Bobcat, crow, dove, opossum, quail, rabbit, raccoon,**

**snipe, squirrel, waterfowl, woodcock** - Same as the statewide seasons. Regulations apply to both North, and South of I-40.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**Trapping** - Dec. 6-Feb. 5. All areas open except Pin Oak Lake.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15. Entire area open.

#### **NORTH OF I-40**

**Deer - archery** - Sep. 24-Oct. 7, Oct. 10-28, Nov. 12-18, Dec. 12-16. No hunter quota. Deer counts toward statewide bag.

**Deer - muzzleloader/archery** - Nov. 5-8, Dec. 5-11. No hunter quota. Deer counts toward statewide bag.

**Deer - gun/archery - Young Sportsman** - Two 2-day hunts. Oct. 8-9, Oct. 29-30. No hunter quota. One deer, either sex (bonus deer).

**Deer - gun/archery** - Nov. 23-26, Dec. 17-Jan. 1. No hunter quota. Deer counts toward statewide bag.

#### **SOUTH OF I-40**

**Deer - archery** - Sep. 24-Oct. 7, Oct. 10-28, Nov. 12-18, Dec. 12-16. No hunter quota. Deer counts toward statewide bag.

**Deer - muzzleloader/archery** - Nov. 9-11. No hunter quota. Deer counts toward statewide bag.

**Deer - gun/archery - Young Sportsman** - Two 2-day hunts. Oct. 8-9, 29-30. No hunter quota. One deer, either sex (bonus deer).

**Deer - gun/archery** - Nov. 27-30, Dec. 17-Jan. 1. No hunter quota. Deer counts toward statewide bag.

#### **125-NATHAN BEDFORD FORREST STATE PARK**

- **BG** - Located in **Benton** County, six miles east of Camden at Eva. David Ulderich (731) 593-0588 or Region I (731) 423-5725. 2,886 acres. No dog training or small game hunting permitted.

**Deer - muzzleloader** - One 3-day hunt. Oct. 14-16. 100 hunter quota. One deer, either sex (bonus deer).

#### **126-NEW HOPE - SG, BG, WF** - Located in **Benton**

County. David Ulderich (731) 593-0588 or Region I (731) 423-5725. 88 acres. Same as the statewide hunting and trapping seasons. Waterfowl hunting from temporary blinds which must be removed at the end of the day. Decoys must be picked up each day.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15.

**Deer, Fall turkey** - Same as the statewide seasons, except closed to statewide archery during the Young Sportsman hunt on Oct. 8-9. Deer counts toward statewide bag.

**Deer - gun/archery - Young Sportsman** - One 2-day hunt. Oct. 8-9. No quota. One deer, either sex. Bonus deer. Statewide archery and small game seasons closed during this hunt.

**127-OBION RIVER - SG, BG, WF** - Located in **Obion/Weakley/Gibson** counties along the Obion River between Hwy. 45W and Hwy. 45E. Larry Armstrong (731) 749-5587. 8,500 acres. No permanent blinds. Decoys must be removed daily.

**Deer, dove, opossum, quail, rabbit, raccoon, snipe, squirrel, trapping, Fall turkey, waterfowl, woodcock** - Same as the statewide seasons. Deer counts toward statewide bag.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**Deer - gun/archery - Young Sportsman** - One 2-day hunt. Oct. 8-9. No quota. One deer, either sex. Bonus deer. Statewide archery and small game seasons closed during this hunt.

**MANESS SWAMP HUNTING UNIT** (North of State Hwy. 445, bordered by the South Fork and Middle Fork of the Obion Rivers as marked.) Same as statewide seasons, except closed to all activities six days prior to the first opening of the late duck season. All hunting other than waterfowl is prohibited during the late duck season.

**Waterfowl** - Same as statewide, except hunting is permitted only on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and the first and last day of each segment of the late duck season. All hunting shall cease at 3:00 p.m. (CST) each day, except the last day of the season when hunting shall close at sunset. No permanent blinds. Decoys must be removed daily.

**128-PRESIDENTS ISLAND - BG** - Located in **Shelby** County. Jeff Martin (731) 738-0233. 6,300 acres. Access permitted from Farm Road only. No access permitted from Mississippi River, McKellar Lake, or from the Causeway. Hunters must check in at hunter check station before hunting and check out at the completion of each day's hunt. Permit will be held while hunters hunt. Access allowed only to TWRA authorized personnel and permit holders.

**Scouting dates** - Oct. 13 for the Oct. 14-16 permit holders only. Oct. 20 for the Oct. 21-23 permit holders only. Dec. 1 for the Dec. 2-4 permit holders only.

**Deer - archery** - Two 3-day hunts. Oct. 14-16, 21-23. 100 hunter quota. Two deer (bonus deer), antlerless or spike buck only.

**Deer - archery** - One 3-day hunt. Dec. 2-4. 50 hunter quota. One deer, either sex (bonus deer). Bucks must have at least nine antler points. Antler points must be one inch or longer.

**Deer - archery** - (Ensley Unit) One 3-day hunt. Dec. 2-4. (Scouting date is Dec. 1.) 30 hunter quota. One deer, buck only (bonus deer). Bucks must have at least nine antler points. Antler points must be one inch or longer. Access permitted from Shelby Drive only. Ac-

cess allowed only to TWRA authorized personnel and permit holders.

**129-REELFOOT** - Located in **Lake/Obion** counties, north of Hwy. 22 and east of Hwy. 78. Paul Brown (731) 253-7343. 24,000 acres. No WMA permits are required. However, in addition to regular hunting and fishing licenses a Reelfoot Preservation Permit is required to hunt, trap, fish or boat on Reelfoot WMA, (including the washout and tailwaters downstream as marked, and that portion of Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge in Tennessee). The exceptions are Sportsman License holders, Lifetime Sportsman License holders, juveniles under 16 and residents over 65.

**Dove, quail, rabbit, snipe, squirrel, trapping, woodcock** - Same as the statewide seasons except small game hunting will close at sunset the day before and during scheduled big game hunts unless otherwise indicated.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15. Closes at sunset on the day before and during big game hunts.

**Opossum, raccoon** - Sep. 12- Dec. 31. No bag limit.

**Deer - archery** - Three hunts. Sep. 24-Oct. 28, Oct. 31-Nov. 15, Nov. 23-Jan. 1. No hunter quota. Three deer, either sex per segment (bonus deer). Small game hunting allowed.

**Deer - gun/archery - Young Sportsman** - One 2-day hunt. Oct. 29-30. No hunter quota. One deer, either sex. Deer counts toward statewide bag.

**Deer - gun/archery** - One 4-day hunt. Nov. 19-22. No hunter quota. One deer, buck only (bonus deer).

**Waterfowl** - Same as the statewide (*Reelfoot\**) seasons. Plastic and metal containers used as decoys are prohibited. Waterfowl hunting closes at 3:00 pm (CST) except the last day of each segment of the late duck and the remaining Reelfoot goose seasons when hunting will cease at sunset.

\*The Reelfoot Zone consist of the lands and waters of Reelfoot WMA only.

**Waterfowl - Wheelchair-bound only blind sites** - Application must be received by the TWRA Region I office by noon on the fourth Friday in October. Persons holding a permit for another blind are not eligible to compete in the wheelchair-bound blind drawing. If blind is not occupied by shooting time, another wheelchair-bound hunter and 1 to 3 assistants (at least one assistant must be age 16 or older) may occupy the blind for that day. Hunting restricted to wheelchair hunters and assistants only within the marked wheelchair hunting zone at designated blinds.

**---SHELBY FOREST** (see Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park and Natural Area)

### **130-SOUTH FORK WATERFOWL REFUGE - NP -**

Located in northwest **Madison** County, south of Hwy. 412. Don Miller (731) 423-5725. 778 acres.

**Deer, dove, opossum, quail, rabbit, raccoon, snipe, squirrel, woodcock** - Same as statewide seasons, except closed to all activities six days prior to the first opening of the late duck season. All hunting other than waterfowl is prohibited during the late duck season. Deer counts toward statewide bag.

**Waterfowl** - Same as statewide except hunting of waterfowl during the late duck season permitted on Saturdays and Sundays, and the first and last day of each segment of the late duck season. All hunting shall cease at 3:00 p.m. (CST) each day, except the last day of the season when hunting shall close at sunset. Walk-in only. Hunting from temporary blinds only. Blinds and decoys must be removed at the end of the day.

### **131-TIGRETT - BG, SG, WF** - Located in **Dyer** County.

Carl Wirwa (731) 696-3197. 7,000 acres. Same as the statewide hunting and trapping seasons. Deer hunting permitted.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**Waterfowl** - Same as the statewide seasons. Waterfowl hunting shall close at 3:00 p.m. (CST) each day of the regular statewide waterfowl seasons, except the last day of the duck seasons and remaining goose seasons when hunting shall close at sunset.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15

**Deer - gun/archery - Young Sportsman** - One 2-day hunt. Oct. 8-9. No quota. One deer, either sex. Bonus deer. Statewide archery and small game seasons closed during this hunt.

### **132-TUMBLEWEED - NP** - Located in the southwest corner of **Lake** County on Hwy. 79. Paul Brown (731) 253-7343. 1,360 acres.

**Deer, dove, opossum, quail, rabbit, raccoon, snipe, squirrel, trapping, Fall turkey, woodcock** - Same as the statewide seasons. Deer counts toward statewide bag.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**Waterfowl** - Same as the statewide seasons.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15. Retriever trials permitted year-round.

### **133-WEST SANDY** (Springville Bottoms) - **SG, BG, WF** - Located in **Henry** County. David Ulderich (731) 593-0588 or Region I (731) 423-5725. 4,319 acres.

Same as the statewide hunting and trapping seasons. Trapping closed during duck season.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**Waterfowl** - Waterfowl hunting shall close at 3:00 p.m. (CST) each day of the regular statewide waterfowl seasons, except the last day of the duck seasons and re-

maining goose seasons when hunting shall close at sunset. All activities are prohibited in the subimpoundments six days prior to the opening day(s) of the statewide duck season.

**Waterfowl - Wheelchair-bound only blind sites** - Provided on a first come, first served basis. Hunting restricted to wheelchair hunters and assistants only within the marked wheelchair hunting zone.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15. Closed during the late duck season.

**Deer, Fall turkey** - Same as the statewide seasons, except closed to statewide archery during the Young Sportsman hunt on Oct. 8-9. Deer counts toward statewide bag.

**Deer - gun/archery - Young Sportsman** - One 2-day hunt. Oct. 8-9. No quota. One deer, either sex. Bonus deer. Statewide archery and small game seasons closed during this hunt.

**134-WHITE LAKE REFUGE** - SG, BG - Located in Dyer County. Carl Wirwa (731) 696-3197. 938 acres. Same as the statewide seasons. Closed to all hunting and dog training Nov. 1-Mar. 1. Closed to waterfowl and dove hunting. Firearms are prohibited for deer hunting.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15, except closed Nov. 1-Mar. 1.

**135-WHITE OAK** - SG, BG, WF - Located in northwest Hardin County, southeast of Milledgeville, off of Hwy. 69. Wes Winton (731) 687-3444. 7,000 acres. **Dove, opossum, quail, rabbit, raccoon, snipe, squirrel, trapping, woodcock** - Same as the statewide seasons. Closed to Fall turkey hunting.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**Waterfowl** - Waterfowl hunting closes at 1:00 p.m. (CST) during the late duck season(s) and all types of water traffic prohibited after 2:00 p.m. (CST). All water traffic prohibited six days prior to the opening day(s) of the statewide duck season. Waterfowl hunting from temporary blinds only, which must be removed at the end of the day. Decoys must be picked up each day.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15. Retriever field trials permitted year-round.

**Deer** - Same as the statewide seasons except archery only during second segment of Unit A gun/archery season. Deer counts toward statewide bag.

**Deer - gun/archery - Young Sportsman** - One 2-day hunt. Oct. 8-9. No quota. One deer, either sex. Bonus deer. Statewide archery and small game seasons closed during this hunt.

**136-WOLF RIVER** - SG, BG - Located in Fayette County on Hwy. 57 east of Memphis, south of LaGrange. Wes Winton (901) 878-0855. 7,000 acres. Deer must be checked at the nearest county check station. Hunting or use for access to hunt is prohibited from boardwalk structure. Closed to Fall turkey hunting. Ghost River Natural Area is open same as Wolf River WMA. No centerfire rifles. All small game and archery hunting is closed during youth deer hunts.

**Crow, dove, furbearers, snipe, squirrel, trapping, woodcock** - Same as statewide seasons.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**Quail** - Dec. 1-Jan. 31.

**Rabbit** - Nov. 12-Jan. 31.

**Waterfowl** - Closes at 3:00 p.m. each day of the late duck season. Blinds and decoys must be removed at the end of each day.

**Deer** - Same as statewide seasons except archery tackle and crossbows only after the first muzzleloader season through the end of the statewide deer seasons. Fluorescent orange must be worn by archers and crossbow hunters from Nov. 19 through the remainder of the season. Tree stands must be marked with hunter's TWRA ID number. Deer counts toward statewide bag.

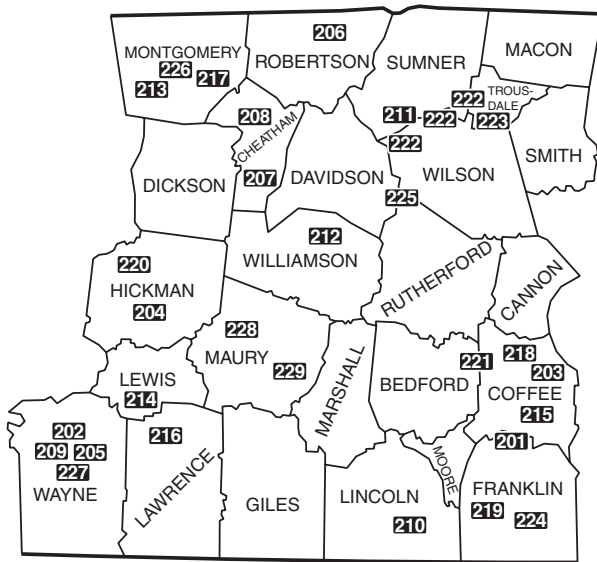
**Deer - gun/archery - Young Sportsman** - One 2-day hunt. Oct. 8-9. No quota. One deer, either sex. Bonus deer. Statewide archery and small game seasons closed during this hunt.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15 except closed during the deer gun hunts.

**Field trials** - By permit from area manager.

# WMA HUNTING - REGION II

Region II



## **201-AEDC and WOODS RESERVOIR REFUGE -**

**SG, WF, BG** - Located in **Coffee/Franklin** counties near Tullahoma, I-24 exit #117. Archie Whitehead (931) 967-6101. 32,000 acres. Shotguns and archery equipment only, except that muzzleloading rifles are permitted on shotgun deer hunts. Rimfire and centerfire rifles and all handguns are prohibited. Access to the entire acreage is strictly controlled. All barricades will be locked year-round except during scheduled TWRA hunting seasons. Barricade openings and times for openings have not yet been set for the upcoming seasons. Consult the Region II office at 615-781-6622 for details regarding scheduled openings. CAUTION: There are areas of AEDC that may contain unexploded ordnance (small arms ammunition, anti-personnel mines, mortars, and artillery rounds). There are also areas of AEDC where open holes (manholes, wells, and sinkholes) are present. Some of these, but not all, are marked. Hunters are advised to use extreme caution. If any unexploded ordnance or open holes are found, DO NOT TOUCH. STAY AWAY. Notify the AEDC Operations Center (931-454-7752), the TWRA Area Manager (931-967-6101) or the AEDC Natural Resources Manager (931-454-5086). ATVs and motorcycles are prohibited on AEDC except ATVs can be used only in the Rifle Range Safety Zone during the Oct. 12-13 hunt and the Oct. 10-11 Rifle Range scouting days. ATVs are also allowed for use by wheelchair bound hunters hunting in the wheelchair bound hunt zone during the Nov. 12-13 and Nov. 26-27 hunts.

**Woods Reservoir Refuge** - Public use including all

forms of trespass is prohibited Dec. 1-Jan. 31 except as otherwise indicated.

**Unauthorized Digging** - Unauthorized digging on Arnold Air Force Base is prohibited for safety and legal reasons. Buried and unexploded ordnance (UXO) could be encountered and unauthorized ground disturbance is a violation of Federal law.

**Beaver, dove, grouse, opossum, quail, rabbit, raccoon, snipe, squirrel, trapping, woodcock** - Same as the statewide seasons except closed at sunset the day before and during scheduled big game hunts unless otherwise specified. Beaver may be taken only during other small game hunts. Small game hunting is closed on Woods Reservoir Dec. 1-Jan. 31.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**Dog training** (daylight hours only) - Sep. 1-Mar. 15.

**Waterfowl** - Hunting from registered blind sites only on Woods Reservoir except during the early duck season. Canada goose hunting is allowed outside blinds upstream from Morris Ferry bridge except during the duck season. Same as the statewide seasons except open on Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday and the first and last day of each segment of the late duck season. Waterfowl hunting allowed on Woods Reservoir during deer hunts when waterfowl season is open. During the September and October waterfowl seasons, hunting is permitted outside of registered blinds on Woods Reservoir except 150 yards out from the bank beginning at the Pumping Station and going west to Arnold Village slough and beginning at the Fancamp slough and going west to the Rowlands Creek causeway. During the youth waterfowl hunting season, hunting on Woods Reservoir is allowed outside blinds upstream from Morris Ferry Bridge. Downstream from Morris Ferry Bridge, hunting is allowed only from registered blind sites. Temporary blind sites only (except Woods Reservoir) must be removed at the end of the day. Decoys must be picked up each day.

**Deer - Fall turkey - archery** - One 3-day hunt. Sep. 23-25. 1,500 hunter quota. One deer either sex (bonus deer). One turkey, either sex.

**Deer - Fall turkey - archery** - One 3-day hunt. Sep. 30-Oct. 2. No hunter quota. One deer either sex (bonus deer). One turkey, either sex.

**Deer - shotgun/muzzleloader/archery - Young Sportsman only** - One 2-day hunt. Oct. 8-9. No hunter quota. One deer, either sex (bonus deer).

**Deer - shotgun/muzzleloader/archery** - One 2-day hunt. Oct. 12-13. 300 hunter quota. One deer, either

sex (bonus deer). Hunting allowed only in the National Guard Training Area and the Rifle Range Safety Zone. Scouting days: Oct. 10-11.

**Deer - shotgun/muzzleloader/archery** - Four 2-day hunts. Oct. 22-23, Oct. 29-30, Nov. 12-13, Nov. 26-27. 750 hunter quota. One deer, either sex (bonus deer).

**Deer - Fall turkey - archery** - One 3-day hunt. Dec. 2-4. No hunter quota. One deer, either sex (bonus deer). One turkey, either sex. Waterfowl hunting permitted.

**Wheelchair-bound hunt zone** - Wheelchair-bound hunters **only** in the old "Camp Forrest" area of AEDC (north of Wattendorf Hwy. west of Rifle Range Road and south of the railroad track). Each wheelchair-bound hunter must have appropriate hunting licenses, a Type 094 permit, and a letter of authorization from the Region II office (615) 781-6622.

**Deer - shotgun/archery - (wheelchair-bound only)** - Two 2-day hunts. Nov. 12-13, Nov. 26-27. No hunter quota. One deer, either sex. Bonus deer.

**202-ARNOLD HOLLOW - SG, BG** - Located in Wayne County, north of Waynesboro. Region II Office (615) 781-6622. 3,990 acres. Same as the statewide hunting and trapping seasons.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**203-BARK CAMP BARRENS - SG, BG** - Located in northeast Coffee Co. Archie Whitehead (931) 967-6101. 2,800 acres.

**Deer, dove, opossum, quail, rabbit, raccoon, snipe, squirrel, trapping, Fall turkey, waterfowl, woodcock** - Same as the statewide seasons. All deer hunting closed after Dec. 16. Deer count toward statewide bag.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**Crow** - July-August, Fri., Sat., Sun. only.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15

**204 BEAVER DAM CREEK - SG, BG** - Located in Hickman County, south of Centerville. Region II Office (615) 781-6622. 2,667 acres (Samford Unit) and 3,113 acres (Doochin Unit). Same as the statewide hunting and trapping seasons. Dog training, Sep. 1-Mar. 14.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**205-BROWNTOWN - SG, BG** - Located in Wayne County, north of Waynesboro. Region II Office (615) 781-6622. 6,413 acres. Same as the statewide hunting and trapping seasons. Dog training, Sep. 1-Mar. 14.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**206-CEDAR HILL SWAMP - SG, BG, WF** - Located in Robertson County. Region II Office (615) 781-6622. 200 acres. Same as the statewide hunting and trapping seasons. Firearms prohibited for deer hunting.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide. No dogs allowed.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15.

**207-CHEATHAM - SG, BG** - Located in Cheatham County, S. of the Cumberland River, near Ashland City. Randy Cromer (615) 792-4510. 20,810 acres. Unauthorized entry or presence is prohibited between sunset and sunrise.

**Firing Range:** Open as posted. Use or possession of alcoholic beverages prohibited. Automatic weapons prohibited.

**Archery Range:** Open daily, field points only. The use or possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.

**Deer, dove, opossum, quail, rabbit, raccoon, snipe, squirrel, woodcock** - Same as the statewide seasons except deer hunting closes after Dec. 25. Deer count toward statewide bag.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**Fall turkey** - Nov. 12-18. 150 hunter quota. Two turkeys, either sex.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15, daylight hours only.

**Trapping** - Jan. 4-Feb. 4.

**208-CHEATHAM LAKE - SG, BG, WF** - Located in Cheatham County, off Hwys. 49 and 12, west of Ashland City. Randy Cromer - (615) 792-4510. 5,152 acres.

**Deer, opossum, quail, rabbit, raccoon, snipe, squirrel, trapping, Fall turkey, waterfowl, woodcock** - Same as the statewide seasons on Sycamore Creek upstream from railroad trestle, Harpeth River upstream from Hwy. 49, and on Johnson Creek upstream from Johnson Creek Bridge. Deer count toward statewide bag. Hunting on remainder of Cheatham Lake WMA same as statewide seasons except during the late duck season when hunting is open only on Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday and the first and last day of each segment of the late statewide duck season. Waterfowl hunting is permitted only from registered blind sites and from staked temporary blind sites during the late duck season. Hunting on Harpeth Island, Marks Creek, and Bluff Creek wade-in areas is not restricted to registered or staked temporary sites. Night hunting, trapping, and fishing is prohibited in waterfowl impoundments during the waterfowl season. The subimpoundments are closed, as posted, to all types of activities six (6) days prior to the opening of the first segment of the late duck season. Beaver may be taken during any hunt.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**Dove** - Same as the statewide season. Hunting allowed only from designated fields.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15 except closed during the duck seasons.

**Waterfowl - Wheelchair-bound only blind site** - Same as statewide seasons. Applications must be re-

ceived by the TWRA Region II office by noon on the fourth Friday in Oct. Persons holding a permit for another blind are not eligible to compete in the wheelchair-bound drawing. If blind is not occupied by shooting time, another wheelchair-bound hunter and 1 to 3 assistants (age 16 and older) may occupy the blind for that day.

#### **PARDUE POND REFUGE & DYSON DITCH REFUGE UNITS**

Public use, including all forms of trespass, is prohibited from Oct. 15-Feb. 14 except as otherwise indicated.

**Deer - archery** - Sep. 24-Oct. 9. Bag limit same as statewide. Deer count toward statewide bag. No hunter quota.

**Fall turkey** - Nov. 12-18. 150 hunter quota. Two turkeys, either sex.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15 except closed Oct. 15-Feb. 14.

**209-EAGLE CREEK - SG, BG, -** Located in Wayne County, near Waynesboro. Region II Office (615) 781-6622. 22,000 acres. Small game hunting and dog training is closed at sunset on the day before and during scheduled big game hunts.

**Dove, opossum, quail, rabbit, raccoon, snipe, squirrel, woodcock** - Same as the statewide seasons.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**Deer - archery** - One 21-day hunt split into two segments. Sep. 24-Oct. 7, Oct. 10-16. No hunter quota. Two deer, either sex (bonus deer). No area checking station operated.

**Deer - gun/archery - Young Sportsman** - One 2-day hunt. Oct. 8-9. No hunter quota. One deer, either sex (bonus deer).

**Deer - gun/archery** - Four 4-day hunts. Oct. 27-30, Nov. 10-13, Nov. 24-27, Dec. 1-4. No hunter quota. One deer, either sex (bonus deer).

**Wheelchair-bound Hunter Zone** - Wheelchair-bound hunters only on roads #2 through #10 on Oct. 22. Each wheelchair-bound hunter must have the appropriate licenses, a Type 094 WMA Permit, and a letter of authorization from the Region II office.

**Deer - gun/archery - wheelchair-bound** - One 1-day hunt. Oct. 22. No hunter quota. One deer, either sex (bonus deer). Wheelchair-bound Hunt Zone only.

**Fall turkey - archery** - Open during all archery seasons. No hunter quota. One turkey, either sex.

**Fall turkey** - One 3-day hunt. Dec. 10-12. 200 hunter quota. One turkey, either sex.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15.

**210-FLINTVILLE HATCHERY - NP** - Located in Lincoln County, east of Fayetteville on Hwy. 64. Region II Office (615) 781-6622. 750 acres. Daylight hours only. **Dove, quail, rabbit, snipe, squirrel, Fall turkey, woodcock** - Same as the statewide seasons.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15, daylight hours only.

**Deer - archery equipment only** - Same as statewide deer season. Deer count toward statewide bag.

**Deer - gun/muzzleloader/archery - Young Sportsman** - One 2-day hunt. Oct. 29-30. No hunter quota. One deer, either sex. Deer count toward statewide bag.

**211-GALLATIN STEAM PLANT - BG** - Located in Sumner County, near Gallatin. Region II Office (615) 781-6622. 1,500 acres. *Archery equipment only*. Dog training prohibited. For permit information contact TVA Land Management, c/o J. Ralph Jordan, 17 Ridgeway Road, Norris TN 37828.

**Deer - archery only** - Deer season dates same as statewide except closes Dec. 16. Deer counts toward statewide bag. Parking in designated areas. No camping.

**Deer - Fall turkey** - Four 3-day hunts. Sep. 23-25, Sep. 30-Oct. 2, Oct. 14-16, Dec. 2-4. Deer counts toward statewide bag.

**212-HALEY-JAQUETH - SG** - Located in Williamson County, College Grove. Region II Office (615) 781-6622. 200 acres. No hunting allowed.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15, daylight hours only.

**213-HAYNES BOTTOM - BG, SG, WF** - Located in Montgomery County, near Dotsonville, adjoining the Cumberland River. Region II Office (615) 781-6622. 971 acres.

**Opossum, quail, rabbit, raccoon, snipe, squirrel, trapping, Fall turkey, waterfowl, woodcock** - Same as statewide seasons except during the late duck season when hunting is open only on Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday, and the first and last day of each segment of the late duck season. Quail hunting Wednesday and Saturday only. Rabbit hunting Thursday and Sunday only. Waterfowl hunting is permitted only from registered blinds during the late duck season. Night hunting, fishing, dog training, and trapping is prohibited in the waterfowl impoundments during the waterfowl season. Participating waterfowl hunters only in the bottoms during waterfowl seasons.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**Crow** - July-August, Fri., Sat. and Sun. only.

**Deer** - Same as the statewide seasons. Deer hunting closes after Dec 16. Deer count toward statewide bag.

**Dove** - Same as the statewide seasons. Hunting from designated fields only.

**Dog Training** - Sep. 1-March 15.

**214-HICK HILL - SG, BG** - Located in **Lewis** County, south of Hohenwald. Region II Office (615) 781-6622. 3,873 acres. Same as the statewide hunting and trapping seasons. Dog training, Sep. 1-Mar.15.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**215-HICKORY FLATS - SG, BG** - Located in north-east **Coffee** County. Archie Whitehead (931) 967-6101. 800 acres.

**Deer, dove, opossum, quail, rabbit, raccoon, snipe, squirrel, trapping, woodcock** - Same as the statewide seasons except all deer hunting closes after Dec. 16. Deer counts toward statewide bag.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**Crow** - July-August, Fri., Sat. and Sun. only.

**216-LAUREL HILL - SG, BG** - Located in **Lawrence** County, west of Lawrenceburg off Hwy. 64. Phillip Smith - (931) 762-5749. 14,000 acres. Horseback riding restricted to roads open to motorized traffic and designated trails. No fox chasing allowed. Beaver may be taken on any hunt day. Unauthorized entry or presence is prohibited between sunset and sunrise. Small game hunting is closed at sunset the day before and during big game hunts.

**Dove** - Same as statewide during the first segment. All fields open.

**Quail** - Nov. 12-Jan. 22.

**Rabbit, squirrel, woodcock** - Same as statewide seasons.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**Beaver** - May be taken on any hunt day.

**Opossum, raccoon** - Nov. 18-Feb. 4. One raccoon per party, per night.

**Trapping** - Jan. 4-Feb. 4.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15, daylight hours only.

**Deer** - Special regulations apply on all deer hunts. Bucks must be spikes or have at least nine antler points. Antler points must be one inch or longer.

**Deer - Fall turkey - archery** - Three 3-day hunts. Sep. 24-26, Sep. 30-Oct. 2, Oct. 7-9. No hunter quota. One deer, either sex (bonus deer). One turkey, either sex.

**Deer - gun/archery - Young Sportsman** - One 2-day hunt. Oct. 15-16. No hunter quota. One deer, either sex (bonus deer).

**Deer - muzzleloader/archery** - One 4-day hunt. Oct. 27-30. 500 hunter quota. One deer, either sex (bonus deer).

**Deer - gun/archery** - Three 3-day hunts. Nov. 11-13, 25-27, Dec. 2-4. 500 hunter quota. One deer, either sex (bonus deer).

**Fall turkey** - One 3-day hunt. Dec. 9-11. 200 hunter quota. Two turkeys, either sex.

**SHIELDS FARM UNIT** - Open same as the statewide seasons. Centerfire rifles and handguns prohibited.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15.

**217-LONG POND** - Located in **Montgomery** County. Region II Office (615) 781-6622. Same as the statewide hunting and trapping seasons. Closed to waterfowl hunting.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**218-MAPLE SPRINGS - SG, BG** - Located in **Coffee** County, north of Manchester. Archie Whitehead (931) 967-6101. 50 acres. Same as the statewide hunting and trapping seasons.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**219-MINGO SWAMP - SG, BG, WF** - Located in **Franklin** County, west of Winchester. Archie Whitehead (931) 967-6101. 370 acres. Same as the statewide hunting and trapping seasons.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**220-MTSU - SG, BG** - Located in **Hickman** County, west of Centerville. Region II Office (615) 781-6622. 995 acres. Same as the statewide hunting and trapping seasons.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15.

**221-NORMANDY - SG, BG** - Located in **Bedford/Coffee** counties, on Normandy Lake. Region II Office (615) 781-6622. 750 acres. Same as the statewide hunting and trapping seasons.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15.

**222-OLD HICKORY** - Located in **Sumner/Wilson/Trousdale** counties, north of Lebanon on Old Hickory Lake. Dan Lavacot (615) 444-6673. Area consists of 6,000 huntable acres in narrow strips of land along the 21,700 acres of water on Old Hickory Lake. Of the 6,000 acres, only 1,000 acres have public land access. The remaining 5,000 acres are primarily accessible by water. Beaver may be taken on any hunt.

**UNIT I** (Highway 109 upstream to River Mile 267 excluding Lock 5 Refuge) - **SG, BG, WF**

**Deer, opossum, quail, rabbit, raccoon, snipe, squirrel, trapping, Fall turkey, woodcock** - Same as the statewide seasons except small game hunting ceases at 3:00 p.m. (CST) during the late duck season. Deer count toward statewide bag.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**Dove** - Hunting during the first statewide segment only. Nontoxic shot required.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15 except closed during the duck season.

**Waterfowl** - Hunting is permitted only from registered blind sites and staked temporary blind sites dur-

ing the late duck season. Same as the statewide season except that all hunting ceases at 3:00 p.m. during the late duck season. Shooting hours on the last day of each segment of the late duck season will be same as statewide. Raccoon and opossum hunting, trapping, and fishing prohibited in subimpoundments during waterfowl season. Subimpoundments are closed, as posted, to all types of activity six days prior to the opening of the first segment of the late duck season. From Hwy. 231 bridge downstream to river mile 258.5 (Headquarters Slough) the area south of the river channel is closed to waterfowl hunting during the first segment of the dove season.

**Waterfowl - wheelchair-bound only blind site** - Applications must be received by the TWRA Region II office by noon on the fourth Friday in October. Persons holding a permit for another blind are not eligible. Each permittee must be accompanied by at least one, but not more than three assistants (age 16 or older), who may also hunt.

**UNIT II (Hwy. 109 downstream to Old Hickory Dam) - SG, BG, WF**

**Deer, dove, opossum, quail, rabbit, raccoon, snipe, squirrel, trapping, Fall turkey, woodcock** - Same as the statewide seasons. Deer count toward statewide bag.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15.

**Waterfowl** - Same as the statewide seasons. Hunting from registered blind sites only except during the early duck season. All goose hunting is from registered blinds only.

**UNIT III (From River Mile 267 upstream to the old Lock 6 site at River Mile 281) - NP**

**Deer, dove, opossum, quail, rabbit, raccoon, snipe, squirrel, trapping, Fall turkey, woodcock** - Same as the statewide seasons. Deer count toward statewide bag.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**Waterfowl** - Same as the statewide seasons. Hunting from temporary blinds only. Decoys must be picked up each day.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15.

**223-OLD HICKORY LOCK 5 REFUGE - SG, BG -**

Located from Hwy. 231 upstream to River Mile 265.5 in **Trousdale/Wilson** counties, north of Lebanon. Dan Lavacot (615) 444-6673. 900 acres. Public use, including all forms of trespass, is prohibited from Nov. 1-Feb. 15 except as otherwise indicated. Public entry and fishing permitted while on the main river channel passing through the refuge.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**Deer - Fall turkey - archery** - Sep. 24-Oct. 28. Bag limit same as statewide. Deer count toward statewide bag.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Oct. 14, Feb. 1-Mar. 15.

**224-OWL HOLLOW MILL - SG, BG** - Located in Franklin County near Tims Ford Lake. 220 acres. Region II Office (615) 781-6622. 3,000 acres. Same as the statewide seasons except all deer hunting is closed after Dec. 16. Deer counts toward statewide bag.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**225-PERCY PRIEST** - Located in **Davidson/Rutherford/Wilson** counties, bordering Percy Priest Lake. Dan Lavacot (615) 444-6673. Two units consisting of 10,768 huntable acres surrounding 14,500 acres of water. Beaver may be taken only during small game hunts. No waterfowl hunting in the Poole Knobs Rest Area.

**UNIT I - SG, BG, WF** - (near LaVergne north of Smyrna Air Base). 1,408 acres. All activities except dove hunts on designated fields and scheduled field trials are prohibited on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, from Sep. 17-Apr. 23 unless otherwise specified. Except for raccoon, opossum and bullfrog hunting, Unit I is closed to all activity from sunset to one-half hour before sunrise.

**Dove** - Sep. 1 and each Saturday and Sunday thereafter during the statewide season. Shooting from staked positions only. On Sep. 1 staked positions will be assigned by a drawing held on site at 10:00 a.m. and hunters must check out at the conclusion of their hunt. Successful applicants must be at their staked positions at the start of shooting hours.

**Squirrel** - Same as the statewide seasons.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**Deer, Fall turkey - archery only** - Same as statewide seasons. Deer count toward statewide bag.

**Quail, rabbit - Young Sportsman** - Oct. 1-Dec. 26, Shotguns only. Each young sportsman must be accompanied by an adult who may not hunt or carry weapons. Each adult must possess a valid hunting license and an area permit.

**Dog Training** (except retrievers) - Sep. 1-April 30. Training from horseback prohibited prior to Oct. 1. Participants of sanctioned field trials may train 72 hours prior to and after scheduled dates without a small game permit. Blank ammunition only.

**Retriever dog training and trials** - Year-round in designated areas only. Trials must be scheduled with area manager and special field trial permits must be obtained from the Region II office, (615-781-6622), at least 30 days in advance of trial dates. Participants of sanctioned field trials may train 72 hours prior to and after scheduled dates without a small game permit.

**Bird and rabbit dog trials** - Sep. 1-April 30. Trials must be scheduled with the area manager and special field trial permits must be obtained from the Region II office, (615-781-6622), at least 30 days in advance of trial dates. Field trial gallery must be kept out of standing or planted crops by marshals provided by sponsoring club.

**Horseback riding** - Horses permitted on all areas except freshly planted and standing crops and special areas as posted.

**UNIT II - SG, BG, WF** - Located in **Davidson/Rutherford/Wilson** counties, bordering Percy Priest Reservoir. 9,360 non-contiguous acres. Muzzleloader, archery and shotguns with rifled slugs only for hunting deer.

**Deer, dove, opossum, quail, rabbit, raccoon, snipe, squirrel, trapping, Fall turkey, woodcock** - Same as the statewide seasons. Deer counts toward statewide bag. Suggs Creek Dove Field is located off Stewarts Ferry Rd. and Mt. Juliet Pike (Hwy. 171). 40 acres. No staked positions. Open Sep. 1 and every Thursday and Saturday during the first statewide segment only.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**Waterfowl** - Same as the statewide seasons. Temporary blinds only. Blinds and decoys must be removed each day. No waterfowl hunting in the Poole Knobs Rest Area.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Apr. 30. No hunting or training allowed from horseback.

**Archery practice** - Open year-round, on designated range site only (Poole Knobs). Target arrows only.

**226-SHELTON FERRY** - Located in **Montgomery** County, south of Clarksville. Region II Office (615) 781-6622. 628 acres. Same as the statewide hunting and trapping seasons.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**Deer** - Archery only except firearms allowed during Oct. 29-30 Young Sportsman hunt. Deer counts toward statewide bag.

**227-TIE CAMP** - **SG, BG** - Located in **Wayne** County, north of Waynesboro. Region II Office (615) 781-6622. 3,873 acres. Same as the statewide hunting and trapping seasons. Dog training, Sep. 1-Mar.15.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**228-WILLIAMSPORT** - **SG, BG** - Located in **Maury** County on Hwy. 50 approximately 10 mi. west of Columbia. 1,800 acres. Tommy Edwards (931) 840-4042. Open one hour before sunrise until one hour after sunset on hunt days. Small game hunting and dog training closed at sunset on the day before and during scheduled big game hunts.

**Quail, rabbit, squirrel, woodcock** - Same as the statewide seasons.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**Dove** - Same as statewide season, except open only on Sep. 1 and every Saturday during the first segment. Designated fields only and shooting from staked positions only on Sep. 1. On Sep. 1 staked positions will be assigned by a drawing held on site at 10:00 a.m. Hunters must be present at drawing and must check out at the conclusion of the hunt. Successful applicants must be on stake at legal shooting hours.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15, daylight hours only.

**Deer - archery** - Two 3-day hunts. Sep. 24-26, Sep. 30-Oct. 2. No hunter quota. One deer, either sex (bonus deer).

**Deer - gun/archery - Young Sportsman** - One 2-day hunt. Oct. 8-9. No hunter quota. One deer, either sex (bonus deer).

**Deer - muzzleloader/archery** - One 3-day hunt. Oct. 28-30. 100 hunter quota. One deer, either sex (bonus deer).

**Deer - gun/archery** - Three 3-day hunts. Nov. 11-13, Dec. 2-4, Dec. 16-18. 100 hunter quota. One deer, either sex (bonus deer).

**229-YANAHLI** - **SG, BG, WF** - Located in **Maury** County, SE of Columbia. Tommy Edwards (931) 840-4042. 12,800 acres.

**Opossum, quail, rabbit, raccoon, snipe, squirrel, trapping, Fall turkey, waterfowl, woodcock** - Same as the statewide seasons.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

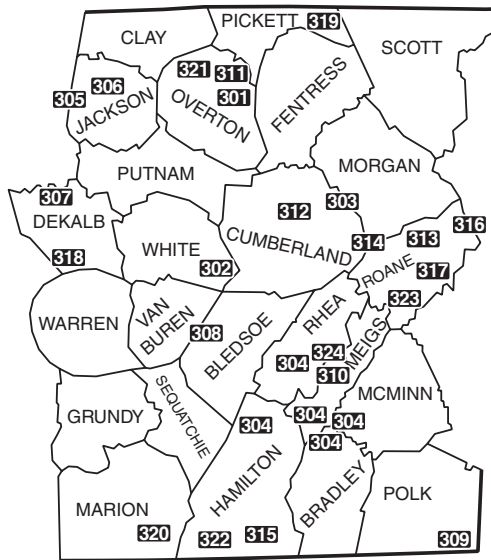
**Deer** - Same as the statewide seasons except all deer hunting closes after Dec. 16. Deer count toward statewide bag.

**Dog training** - Aug. 1-March 15.

**Dove** - Sep. 1 and each day of the statewide season thereafter. Designated fields only and shooting from staked positions only on Sep. 1. On Sep. 1 staked positions will be assigned by a drawing held on site at 10:00 a.m. Hunters must be present at drawing and must check out at the conclusion of the hunt. Successful applicants must be on stake at legal shooting hours.

# WMA HUNTING - REGION III

Region III



**301-ALPINE MOUNTAIN - SG, BG** - Located in **Overton** County. Region III Office (931) 484-9571. 1,642 acres. All species open with the statewide hunting and trapping seasons.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs prohibited.  
**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15.

## **302-BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE CENTENNIAL**

**WILDERNESS - SG, BG** - Located in **White** County on the Cumberland County line 6 miles south of Hwy. 70S. James Douglas (931) 935-3280. 10,000 acres. No ATVs, motorcycles, or horseback riding permitted.

**Dove - Young Sportsman** - Sep. 3, noon to sunset. Each young sportsman must be accompanied by a nonhunting adult.

**Dove** - Sep. 5 through remainder of the statewide season.

**Crow, grouse, rabbit, snipe, squirrel, Fall turkey, waterfowl, woodcock** - Same as the statewide season except small game hunting will end at sunset the day before and during scheduled big game hunts unless otherwise indicated.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs prohibited.  
**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15.

**Opossum, raccoon** - Same as the statewide season except hunting will be limited to Friday and Saturday nights only and will end at sunset the day before and during scheduled big game hunts unless otherwise indicated. All hunting ends Jan. 1.

**Trapping** - Dec. 16-28.

**Deer - archery** - Five 3-day hunts. Sep. 24-26, Sep. 27-29, Sep. 30-Oct. 2, Oct. 3-5, 6-8. No hunter quota. One deer, either sex (bonus deer).

**Deer - archery** - One 5-day hunt. Dec. 12-16. No hunter quota. One deer, either sex (bonus deer).

**Deer - gun/archery - Young Sportsman** - One 2-day hunt. Oct. 29-30. No hunter quota. One deer, either sex (bonus deer).

**Deer - gun/archery** - One 9-day hunt. Nov. 19-27. No hunter quota. Two deer, buck only. Deer counts toward statewide bag.

**303-CATOOSA - SG, BG** - Located in **Cumberland/Morgan** counties, I-40 exits, Peavine, Genesis, and Westel roads. Jim Lane (931) 456-2479. 79,740 acres.

Entire area open on all deer hunts. **Special Regulations:** Catoosa WMA will be closed to all users Feb. 1 through last Friday in March except for walk-in small game hunting from Feb. 1-28. Guides prohibited on all hunts. Unauthorized entry or presence is prohibited between sunset and sunrise. During big game hunts, the area is open only to legal big game hunting participants. ATVs and motorized bikes are permitted only by individuals possessing the appropriate licenses and permits, from the fourth Saturday in August through the Spring squirrel season. *Feral hog hunting is prohibited; boar hunting is allowed as indicated.*

**Bullfrog** - April 1-Sep. 1. No hunting during turkey hunts.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Jan. 31, daylight hours only.

**Dove, grouse, quail, rabbit, snipe, squirrel, waterfowl, woodcock** - Same as the statewide seasons except closes at sunset on the day before and during big game hunts unless otherwise specified. Walk-in hunting only from Feb. 1-28.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs prohibited.

**Opossum, raccoon** - Sunset Nov. 4 to sunrise Dec. 30 except closes at sunset on the day before and during big game hunts.

**Trapping** - Jan. 1-31. Any fishers caught must be released if found in a trap alive. Fishers found dead in traps must be presented to the TWRA.

**Special regulations apply on deer hunts:** *Buck deer must have a minimum of 4 points on one antler on all hunts. Points must be at least 1 inch or longer.* During big game hunts, the area is open only to legal big game hunting participants.

**Deer-boar - archery** - Three 3-day hunts. Oct. 15-17, 18-20, 21-23. No hunter quota. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer). Boar, no limit, either sex. Area checking stations operated. Entire area open.

**Deer-boar - gun/archery - Young Sportsman** - One 2-day hunt, Oct. 29-30. Station quota: Genesis 400;

Bicolor 400. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer). Boar, no limit, either sex.

**Deer-boar - gun/archery** - One 3-day hunt, Nov. 10-12. Station quota: Genesis 1,250; Bicolor 1,250. One deer, buck only (bonus deer). Boar, no limit, either sex.

**Deer/boar - muzzleloader/archery** - One 3-day hunt. Nov. 17-19. Station quota: Genesis 1,000; Bicolor 1,000. One deer, buck only (bonus deer). Boar, no limit, either sex.

**Deer-boar - gun/archery** - One 3-day hunt, Dec. 8-10. Station quota: Genesis 1,250; Bicolor 1,250. One deer, buck only (bonus deer). Boar, no limit, either sex.

**Deer-boar - gun/archery** - One 3-day hunt. Dec. 15-17. No hunter quota. One deer, buck only (bonus deer). Boar, no limit, either sex. Entire area open.

**Boar - gun/archery - dogs permitted** - One 3-day hunt. Jan. 5-7. Station quota: Genesis 200; Bicolor 200. No limit, either sex. Entire area open.

**---CHEROKEE** - See pgs. 47-49.

**304-CHICKAMAUGA** - Located in **Bradley/Hamilton/McMinn/Meigs/Rhea** counties. Region III Office (931) 484-9571. 4,000 acres.

**SODDY CREEK, SALE CREEK, MUD CREEK, NEW BETHAL, MOON ISLAND, COTTONPORT, WASHINGTON FERRY, GOODFIELD CREEK, GILLESPIE BEND, AGENCY CREEK, SUGAR CREEK, SOUTH MOUSE CREEK UNITS - NP**  
**Deer, dove, furbearers, quail, rabbit, snipe, squirrel, waterfowl, woodcock** - Same as the statewide hunting and trapping seasons. No waterfowl hunters allowed on units from two hours after legal shooting hours have ended until 4:00 a.m. the following day during the late duck season. Deer count toward statewide bag.

**CANDIES CREEK, JOHNSON BOTTOMS, ROGERS CREEK, YELLOW CREEK UNITS - SG, BG, WF**  
**Deer, dove, furbearers, quail, rabbit, snipe, squirrel, trapping, waterfowl, woodcock** - Same as the statewide hunting and trapping seasons, except hunting closed to non-waterfowl species during the late duck season. Waterfowl hunting permitted only on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday and the first and last day of the duck season. No waterfowl hunters allowed on units from two hours after legal shooting hours have ended until 4:00 a.m. the following day during the late duck season. Waterfowl hunting from temporary blinds only. Decoys must be picked up each day. No trapping during the duck season. Deer count toward statewide bag.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15 except closed during the late duck season.

**305-CORDELL HULL WMA** (includes all property posted and painted with Corps of Engineer and/or TWRA signs) - **BG, SG, WF** - Located in **Jackson/Smith** counties. Gary Black (931) 484-9571. 25,000 acres.

**Deer, small game, trapping, Fall turkey, waterfowl** - Same as statewide seasons except deer hunting ends on Dec. 16. Deer count toward statewide bag. Wheelchair-bound hunter zone open to wheelchair-bound hunters only. Deer bag limit is either-sex (bonus deer) in the wheelchair-bound zone on Nov. 19-20.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs prohibited.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15.

**Wheelchair-Bound Hunter Zone** - That area in the old "Corps of Engineers Roaring River Campground" area of Cordell Hull WMA (north of Hwy. 135, north of Roaring River, south and east of Hwy 85, and west of old Roaring River Iron Bridge Road).

**306-CORDELL HULL REFUGE** - **SG, BG, WF** - Located in **Jackson** County, near Gainesboro between Freestate Bridge Hwy 85A and Hwy 56 Bridge. Gary Black (931) 484-9571. 600 acres. Public use including all forms of trespass is prohibited from Nov. 15-Mar. 1 except as otherwise indicated. Public entry and fishing permitted while on the main river channel passing through the refuge.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs prohibited.

**Squirrel** - Aug. 27-Nov. 11.

**Dove** - Sep. 1-11, noon to sunset.

**Canada goose** - Sep. 1-15. Bag limit 5 per day.

**Wood duck/teal** - Same as statewide September wood duck/teal season.

**Deer - archery** - Sep. 26-Oct 30. Bag limit same as Unit A archery season. Deer count toward statewide bag.

**Deer - archery - wheelchair-bound** - Sep. 24-25. No hunter quota. One deer, either sex (bonus deer).

**Deer - gun/archery - wheelchair-bound** - Nov. 5-6. No hunter quota. One deer, either sex (bonus deer).

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Nov. 14, daylight hours only.

**307-EDGAR EVINS STATE PARK - NP** - Located in **DeKalb** County on Center Hill Lake. 6,000 acres. Region III Office (931) 484-9571.

**Deer, opossum, quail, rabbit, raccoon, Fall turkey** - Same as the statewide seasons. Deer count toward statewide bag.

**Deer - archery - safety zone** - Oct. 18-19. 200 hunter quota. Two deer, either sex (bonus deer). Sign up for hand held drawing will be 8:00 a.m. to noon on Sep. 14 at Park Office.

**308-FALL CREEK FALLS STATE PARK - BG** - Located in **Bledsoe/Van Buren** counties, off Hwy. 30 between Pikeville and Spencer. Region III Office (931) 484-9571. 7,000 acres. Dog training prohibited. Vehicle parking restricted to designated parking areas only during the hunting season. No parking allowed at all on roadside grass. All deer hunters must sign register at the horse stables before hunting.

**Grouse, squirrel** - Dec. 1-Feb. 28. Shotguns only.

**Deer - archery** - One 3-day hunt. Nov. 12-14. 300 hunter quota. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).

**Deer - archery** - One 6-day hunt. Nov. 15-20. No hunter quota. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).

**309-FOURTH FRACTIONAL TOWNSHIP - NP** -

Located in **Polk** County near Copper Hill. Region III Office (931) 484-9571. 1107 acres. ATVs and motorcycles prohibited. Dog training permitted year-round. Beagles and pointing breeds only.

**Dove, grouse, quail, rabbit, snipe, squirrel, woodcock** - Same as the statewide seasons. Beagles and pointing breed dogs only. Shotguns only, with No. 6 shot or smaller.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide season.

**Deer** - Same as statewide seasons. Archery tackle only. Deer counts toward statewide bag.

**Bear - archery** - Nov. 24-Dec. 7. No hunter quota. One bear, either sex.

**310-HIWASSEE REFUGE - BG, SG, WF** - Located in

**Meigs/Rhea** counties, on Chickamauga Reservoir. Wally Akins (423) 614-3018. 2,500 acres. Nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service is required for small game hunting. Refuge is closed to all forms of public use including all forms of trespass from Nov. 1 through the last day of February. Public entry and fishing is permitted while on the main river channel passing through the refuge.

**Dove** - Sep. 1, 3. Noon to sunset only. No access permitted by boat.

**Squirrel** - Aug. 27-Sep. 10. All of the Hiwassee Refuge except Hiwassee Island.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs prohibited. All of the Hiwassee Refuge except Hiwassee Island.

**Deer - archery** - One 3-day hunt. Sep. 24-26. 250 hunter quota. Two deer, either sex (bonus deer).

**Deer - archery** - One 3-day hunt. Oct. 14-16. No hunter quota. Two deer, either sex (bonus deer).

**Deer - muzzleloader** - One 3-day hunt. Oct. 28-30. 200 hunter quota. Two deer, either sex (bonus deer).

**Deer - shotgun/muzzleloader - Young Sportsman** - One 2-day hunt. Sep. 17-18. 100 hunter quota. Two

deer, either sex (bonus deer).

**Canada goose** - Sep. 1-15. Bag limit 5 per day. No goose hunters allowed on refuge from two hours after shooting hours have ended until 4:00 a.m. the following day.

**Wood duck/teal** - Same as statewide September wood duck/teal season. No duck hunters allowed on refuge from two hours after shooting hours have ended until 4:00 a.m. the following day.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Oct. 14, Mar. 1-15, daylight hours only.

**Retriever field trials** - Pre-approved by area manager at least 30 days in advance of trial dates.

**311-JACKSON SWAMP - SG, BG, WF** - Located in **Overton** County. Region III Office (931) 484-9571. 203 acres.

**Crow, deer, dove, opossum, rabbit, raccoon, squirrel, Fall turkey, waterfowl, woodcock** - Same as statewide seasons. Deer count toward statewide bag.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs prohibited.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15.

**312-KEYES-HARRISON - NP** - Located in **Cumberland** Co., Region III Office (931) 484-9571. 1,740 acres. Same as the statewide seasons.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs prohibited.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15.

**313-KINGSTON REFUGE - SG, BG** - Located in

**Roane** County, on Watts Bar Reservoir near Kingston Steam Plant. Region III Office (931) 484-9571. 300 acres. Access by boat only. Nontoxic shot required for small game. Public use, including all forms of trespass, is prohibited from Oct. 15-Feb. 1.

**Dove** - Sep. 1, 3. Noon to sunset only. No dove hunters allowed on refuge prior to 60 minutes before legal shooting time.

**Deer - archery** - One 2-day hunt. Sep. 24-25. 100 hunter quota. One deer, either sex (bonus deer).

**Deer - shotgun/muzzleloader - Young Sportsman** - Two 2-day hunts. Oct. 1-2, 8-9. 50 hunter quota. One deer, either sex (bonus deer).

**Canada goose** - Sep. 1-15. Bag limit 5 a day.

**Wood duck/teal** - Same as September wood duck/teal season.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Oct. 14, Feb. 2-Mar. 15, daylight hours only.

**314-MT. ROOSEVELT - NP** - Located in **Cumberland/**

**Roane/Morgan** counties. 11,000 acres. Region III Office (931) 484-9571. Same as the statewide hunting and trapping seasons. Closed to all nonhunting activities during big game hunts.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs prohibited.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15.

**315-NORTH CHICKAMAUGA CREEK - SG, BG, WF** - Located in **Hamilton** County. Region III Office (931) 484-9571. 5,400 acres.

**HIXSON, THRASHER BOTTOMS, VANDERGRIF, VARNER UNITS** - No motorized vehicles outside parking areas. Area closed after sunset except for opossum and raccoon hunters. All hunting ends on January 31. Shotguns loaded with #4 shot or smaller only (except waterfowl). Closed to quail hunting.

**Rabbit, snipe, squirrel, woodcock** - Same as statewide seasons. Hunting allowed only on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Rabbit bag limit is 3 per person, per day.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**Dove** - Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday during the statewide season, from noon until sunset only.

**Deer** - Same as statewide seasons. Archery tackle only. Hunting allowed on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday only. Hunters must comply with big game hunter orange requirements during the statewide deer gun or muzzleloader hunts. Deer count toward statewide bag.

**Opossum, raccoon** - Same as statewide season. Bag limit, 1 raccoon per party, per night. Hunting from sunset to sunrise on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday only.

**Waterfowl** - Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and the first and last day of the statewide season. Hunting ends at noon each day. Hunting from temporary blinds only. Decoys to be removed each day.

**Trapping** - Nov. 12-Jan. 31. Traps must be checked each day.

**Dog training** - Sep. 15-Jan. 31.

#### **NORTH CHICKAMAUGA CREEK GORGE STATE**

**NATURAL AREA - SG, WF** - No motorized vehicles outside parking areas. Area closed after sunset. No dogs are allowed and all state natural area regulations including ATVs and mountain bikes will be enforced. All hunting ends on January 31. Shotguns loaded with #4 shot or smaller only (except waterfowl). Crow and quail hunting is closed.

**Rabbit, snipe, squirrel, woodcock** - Same as statewide seasons. Hunting allowed on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday only. Rabbit bag limit is 3 per person per day.

**Dove** - Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday during the statewide season, from noon until sunset only.

**Deer** - Same as statewide seasons. Archery tackle only. Hunting allowed on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday only. Hunters must comply with big game hunter orange requirements during the statewide deer gun or muzzleloader hunts. Deer count toward statewide bag.

**Waterfowl** - Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and the first and last day of the statewide season. Hunting ends at noon each day. Hunting from temporary blinds only. Decoys to be removed each day.

**316-OAK RIDGE - SG, BG, WF** - Located in **Roane/Anderson** counties. Jim Evans (865) 574-8204. 37,000 acres. Shotguns, muzzleloading rifles and archery equipment only. All hunters must meet legal fluorescent orange requirements during all hunts, including archery hunters in the archery-only zones. Hunters must carry hunting license and permit, valid picture identification and a signed current hunt map. Hunting permits are not transferrable between hunt zones. No bobcats may be taken. Dog training prohibited.

**Scouting dates** - 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Nov. 5 for the Nov. 12-13 permit holders only; Nov. 26 for the Dec. 3-4 permit holders only; Dec. 10 for the Dec. 17-18 permit holders only. No access by boat except for the Haw Ridge Park Unit.

**Deer** - Special regulations apply. Antlered deer must have a minimum of 4 points on one antler or a 15 inch minimum outside spread on all hunts. **See page 24.**

**Deer - shotgun/muzzleloader - Gun zones only** - Three 2-day hunts. Nov. 12-13, Dec. 3-4, Dec. 17-18. 500 hunter quota. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).

**Deer - archery - Park City Road, Chestnut Ridge zones** - Three 2-day hunts. Nov. 12-13, Dec. 3-4, Dec. 17-18. 200 hunter quota. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).

**Deer - archery - Poplar Creek Road Zone** - Three 2-day hunts. Nov. 12-13, Dec. 3-4, Dec. 17-18. 125 hunter quota. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).

**Deer - archery - Tower Shielding Zone** - Three 2-day hunts. Nov. 12-13, Dec. 3-4, Dec. 17-18. 200 hunter quota. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).

**317-PAINT ROCK REFUGE - NP** - Located in **Roane** County on Watts Bar Lake. Region III Office (931) 484-9571. 1,600 acres. Closed to all forms of public use, including all forms of trespass, from Oct. 15-Feb. 1 except as otherwise indicated. Public entry and fishing is permitted while on the main river channel passing through the refuge.

**Canada goose** - Sep. 1-15. Limit 5 per day.

**Wood duck/teal** - Same as statewide September wood duck/teal season.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Oct. 14 and Feb. 2-Mar. 15. Daylight hours only.

**318-PEA RIDGE - SG, BG** - Located in southwest **DeKalb** County. Region III Office (931) 484-9571. 1,550 acres. Unauthorized entry or presence is prohibited between sunset and sunrise.

**Crow, deer, dove, opossum, quail, rabbit, raccoon, squirrel, trapping, Fall turkey, waterfowl, wood-**

**cock** - Same as the statewide seasons. Deer count toward statewide bag.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15.

**319-PICKETT STATE FOREST PARK - NP** - Located in **Pickett** County. Region III Office (931) 484-9571. 11,000 acres. Same as the statewide hunting and trapping seasons.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs prohibited.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15.

**320-PRENTICE COOPER STATE FOREST - SG, BG** - Located in **Marion** County, on Hwy. 27 five miles east of Powell's Crossroads. Rob Klippel (423) 658-0298. 24,000 acres. Unauthorized entry or presence is prohibited between sunset and sunrise.

**ORV, horseback riding, bicycles, and all other vehicles** are restricted to roads designated for this use. Speed limit is 25 mph. Organized competition events for motorized/non-motorized vehicles prohibited. Reckless operation of motorized and non-motorized vehicles prohibited. Reckless operation is defined as operating a vehicle in a reckless or negligent manner as to endanger the life, limb, or property of any person or damage TWRA property or developments.

**Dove, grouse, rabbit, snipe, squirrel, woodcock** - Same as the statewide seasons except small game hunting and dog training will close at sunset the day before and during scheduled big game hunts unless otherwise indicated.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**Trapping** - Dec. 16-28.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15.

**Opossum, raccoon** - Third Friday in Oct. through Jan. 30, except hunting limited to Friday and Saturday nights only. All hunting ends Jan. 30. Bag limit is one per person, per night.

**Deer - archery** - One 3-day hunt. Sep. 17-19. 500 hunter quota. One deer, either sex (bonus deer).

**Deer - archery** - Two 3-day hunts. Sep. 20-22, 23-25. No hunter quota. One deer, either sex (bonus deer). No area checking station operated.

**Deer - muzzleloader** - One 3-day hunt. Oct. 20-22. 250 hunter quota. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).

**Deer - gun/archery** - One 2-day hunt. Nov. 11-12. No hunter quota. One deer, buck only (bonus deer).

**Deer - gun/archery** - One 6-day hunt. Nov. 26-Dec. 1. No hunter quota. Two deer, buck only (bonus deer).

**Deer - gun/archery - Young Sportsman** - One 2-day hunt. Oct. 29-30. No hunter quota. One deer, either sex (bonus deer).

**321-STANDING STONE STATE PARK - NP** - Located in **Overton** County. Region III Office (931) 484-9571. 8,764 acres. Same as the statewide hunting and trapping seasons except for deer. No fox taking or fox trapping.

**Deer** - Same as statewide seasons, except buck-only bag limit during the muzzleloader seasons. Deer count toward statewide bag. Closed to county special season antlerless hunts.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs prohibited.

**Dog training** - Sept 1-Mar. 15

**322-VOLUNTEER ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT - NP** - Located in **Hamilton** County. Region III Office (931) 484-9571. 3,000 acres.

**Deer - archery** - Two 2-day hunts. Oct. 22-23, Nov. 12-13. 150 hunter quota. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer). Scouting day for all permit holders is Oct. 15 from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**323-WATTS BAR - NP** - Located in **Roane** County, primarily on islands and access areas on Watts Bar Lake. on Watts Bar Lake. Region III Office (931) 484-9571. 3,880 acres.

**Deer, dove, furbearers, quail, rabbit, snipe, squirrel, trapping, Fall turkey, waterfowl, woodcock** - Same as the statewide hunting and trapping seasons. Deer counts toward statewide bag. Waterfowl hunting allowed from temporary blinds only. Decoys must be picked up each day.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs prohibited.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15

**THIEF NECK ISLAND UNIT - NP - Opossum, quail, raccoon, rabbit, snipe, squirrel, trapping, woodcock, waterfowl** - Same as the statewide seasons except closed at sunset one day before and during scheduled deer hunts. Shotguns only for small game.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs prohibited. Shotguns only.

**Deer - shotgun/muzzleloader/archery** - Same as the statewide deer season except closed Oct. 8-9. Deer count toward statewide bag. Centerfire rifles prohibited.

**Deer - shotgun/muzzleloader/archery - Young Sportsman** - Oct. 8-9. No quota. One deer, either sex. Bonus deer. Statewide archery season closed during this hunt.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15

**LONG ISLAND UNIT - SG, BG, WF** - Same as the statewide hunting and trapping seasons. Only archery equipment, muzzleloader and shotgun allowed. No trapping during the duck season.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs prohibited.

**Dog training** - Daylight hours only. Sep. 1-Mar. 15.

### **324-YUCHI REFUGE AT SMITH BEND - SG, BG,**

**WF** - Located in Rhea County. Bernie Swiney (423) 365-9166. Non-toxic shot only in Wetland Zone. Wetland Zone closed to all forms of public use, including all forms of trespass, from Nov. 15 through the last day of February. No boat access. No ATV, ORV, or horseback riding permitted. Small game hunting closes at sunset the day before and during scheduled big game hunts.

**Dove - Young Sportsman** - Sep. 3. Bag limit 10 per day. Noon till sunset only.

**Dove** - Sep. 5-21. Bag limit 10 per day. Noon till sunset only.

**Squirrel** - Aug. 27-Dec. 31. Upland Zone only after Nov. 14. Bag limit 5 per day.

**Opossum, raccoon** - Same as statewide except hunting permitted on Wednesdays and Thursdays only, sunset to sunrise. Closed after Nov. 10. All dogs need to be removed from the area prior to sunrise on Friday. Raccoon bag limit, one per party per night. No limit on opossums.

**Rabbit** - Nov. 5-Jan. 31. Upland Zone only after Nov. 14. Bag limit 3 per day.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15 in Upland Zone. Sep. 1-Nov. 14 and Mar. 1-15 in Wetland Zone. Daylight hours only. No fox or coyote chasing. No dog training

one day before and during scheduled big game hunts.

**Retriever field trials** - Must be pre-approved by area manager at least 30 days in advance of trial dates.

**Wood duck, teal** - Same as September wood duck/teal season, except hunting ends at noon. No waterfowl hunters on the area after 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 a.m. the following day.

**Deer** - Special regulations apply. Antlered deer must have a minimum of 4 points on one antler or a 15 inch minimum outside antler spread on all hunts. **See page 24.**

**Deer - gun/archery - Young Sportsman** - Two 2-day hunts. Sep. 24-25, Oct. 29-30. 75 hunter quota. Two deer, only one antlered (bonus deer).

**Deer - Fall turkey - archery** - Two 2-day hunts. Sep. 17-18, Oct. 15-16. 100 hunter quota. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer). One turkey, either sex.

**Deer - muzzleloader** - One 2-day hunt. Oct. 22-23. 50 hunter quota. One deer, either sex (bonus deer).

**Deer - gun/muzzleloader** - One 2-day hunt. Nov. 5-6. 50 hunter quota. Two deer, no more than one antlered (bonus deer).

**Deer - wheelchair-bound only** - One 2-day hunt. Nov. 12-13. No hunter quota. One deer, either sex (bonus deer).

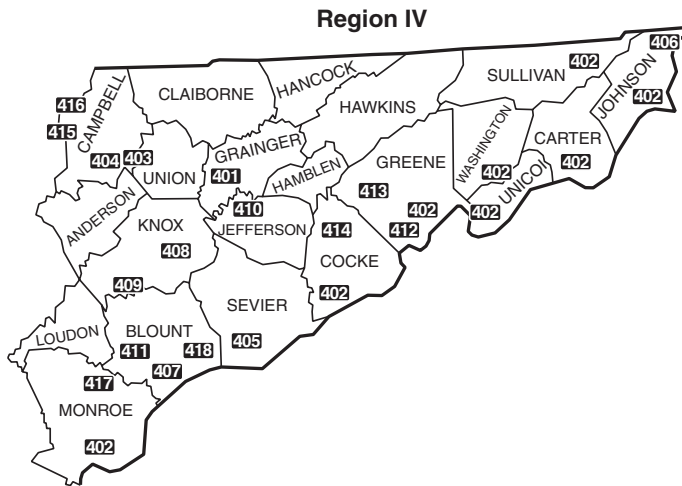
## WILDLIFE LICENSE PLATES

Show your support for Tennessee's wildlife through your purchase of a wildlife license plate.

Visit your county clerk's office today!



# WMA HUNTING - REGION IV



**401-BUFFALO SPRINGS - SG, BG** - Located in **Grainger County**. Terry Potts (865) 828-4998. 342 acres. Safety zone in effect for all hunters. Waterfall parking area closed one hour after sunset until one hour before sunrise. Use or possession of alcohol is prohibited in the waterfall area. Small game hunters (except waterfowl) must meet legal fluorescent orange requirements during the big game gun hunts.

**Deer, grouse, opossum, quail, rabbit, raccoon, snipe, squirrel, trapping, Fall turkey, waterfowl, woodcock** - Same as the statewide seasons. Deer count toward statewide bag.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**Dove** - September 1, 3, 5 noon until sunset only. Open every day thereafter during the statewide dove season. Hunter quota 55. Staked positions only. A random drawing will be held at 11 a.m. on Sep. 1 and 3. Otherwise, first-come, first-served.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15.

**402-CHEROKEE - Cherokee WMA Nonquota Big Game permit (Type 095, Type 167 or Type 094) or Sportsman License required to hunt the nonquota big game and turkey hunts.** No permit required to hunt small game. Located along the Tennessee-North Carolina state line. Region IV Office (423) 587-7037. Some roads normally open to public travel may be closed from Dec. 15-March 31. 625,000 acres. No spring squirrel season. Bobcat and coyote hunting with dogs prohibited. Dog training prohibited except for the bear dog training season in Cocke and Greene counties. The use or possession of any electronic tracking devices from March 1-August 31 is illegal.

**Shooting ranges** - Open daylight hours only (see pg 56).

**Horseback riding** - Horseback riding on properties owned by the U.S. Forest Service shall be the same as U.S. Forest Service regulations. Contact the U.S. Forest Service (423-476-9700). On those properties owned or leased by the TWRA, horseback riding is only allowed upon roads opened for vehicle travel. No riding off road into openings, fields, trails or through streams.

**North Cherokee Portion** - Cherokee WMA north of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

**South Cherokee Portion** - Cherokee WMA south of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Includes:

**Ocoee Unit** - That portion of South Cherokee south of the Hiwassee River

**Tellico Unit** - That portion of South Cherokee north of the Hiwassee River and south of the Little Tennessee River

## **Bear Reserves**

Wild boar hunting with dogs and bear hunting are not permitted in the following bear reserves unless a special exception is provided by proclamation. Feral hog season is closed during bear season. See page 22 for a map of these reserves.

**ANDREW JOHNSON BEAR RESERVE** - The Cherokee Wildlife Management Area and private inholdings lying southwest of Hwy. 70, east of Hwy. 107 and north of Hwys. 25-70.

**KETTLEFOOT BEAR RESERVE** - The Cherokee Wildlife Management area and private inholdings lying north of Hwy. 421, east of South Holston Lake, south of the Tennessee-Virginia line, and west of Hwy. 91.

**LAUREL FORK BEAR RESERVE** - The Cherokee Wildlife Management area and private inholdings lying south of Hwy. 321, west of Poga Road, west of the Tennessee-North Carolina line, and north of Hwy. 19E.

**OCOEE BEAR RESERVE** - The Cherokee Wildlife Management Area and private inholdings bounded on the north by Ocoee Lake and Ocoee River, on the south by the Tennessee/Georgia state line and on the east and west by the National Forest Boundary.

**TELLICO BEAR RESERVE** - The Cherokee Wildlife Management Area in **Monroe County** that lies north of the Tellico-Robbinsville Road, east of Forest Service Road 35, south of Forest Service Road 26 and west of the ridge running from Farr Gap through Little Fodderstack to Big Fodderstack and following the North Carolina state line to the Tellico-Robbinsville Road.

**UNICOI BEAR RESERVE** - The Cherokee Wildlife Management Area lying west of U.S. Hwy. 23, and the Devils Fork Road, north of the Tennessee/North Carolina state line, east of the Horse Creek Road to Hwy. 107 and south of Hwy. 107 to Erwin.

**Cherokee Party Hunt Compartments** - See the Bear Reserves map on page 22 for location of these areas.

**UPPER TELLICO** - The portion of the Tellico River drainage lying north of the Tellico River Road, south of the North River Road and west of the North Carolina line.

**LOWER BALD RIVER** - That portion of the Bald River and Tellico River drainages lying south of the Tellico River Road, and north of the Holly Flats Road.

**LOWER TELLICO** - That portion of the Tellico River drainage lying east of Turkey Creek, north of the Tellico River Road, west of the North Carolina State Line, and south of the Tellico-Robbinsville road.

**UPPER BALD RIVER** - That portion of the Bald River and Tellico River drainages lying south of the Tellico River road, south of the Holly Flats Road, and north of the North Carolina State Line.

## **NORTH CHEROKEE**

On property owned or leased by the TWRA, ATV and OHV operation is prohibited.

**Trapping** - Same as the statewide season.

**Dog Training** - Dog training is prohibited except during the bear dog training season in Cocke and Greene counties.

### **Small Game Hunts**

**Dove, grouse, quail, rabbit, snipe, squirrel** - Same as the statewide seasons except only pointing breed dogs are allowed in the bear reserve one day before and during bear hunts. No spring squirrel season. No permit required. Small game hunters, except raccoon and opossum hunters, must use shotguns and wear 500-square inches of fluorescent orange during big game hunts.

**Opossum, raccoon** - Same as statewide except closed Nov. 14-15, Nov. 26-27, and Dec. 1-14 on all Bear Reserves.

### **Big Game Hunts**

**Deer - Fall turkey** - Same as the statewide seasons except closed to special season antlerless deer hunts. Deer counts toward statewide bag.

**Bear** - Same as the statewide seasons. Feral hog hunting is closed in the bear reserves during bear season.

**Bear dog training** - Cocke and Greene counties only. Sep. 6-19. No bears may be harvested. No weapons may be possessed. Daylight hours only. No training in the bear reserves.

## **SOUTH CHEROKEE - OCOEE UNIT**

**Trapping** - Jan. 1-Feb. 15.

**Dog Training** - Pointing breeds only during daylight hours excluding the bear and boar seasons. Dog training prohibited.

### **Small Game Hunts**

**Dove, grouse, quail, rabbit, snipe, squirrel, waterfowl, woodcock** - Same as the statewide seasons, except no season shall open prior to Oct. 9. No spring squirrel season. Small game hunting prohibited at sunset the day before and during big game hunts. When specific portions of the Cherokee are hunted, this closure applies only to those specific areas, and the Tellico Bear Reserve during bear hunts. Dogs permitted for squirrel hunting west of Hwy. 68 and north of Ocoee River Jan. 1-Feb. 28. It is illegal to possess firearms with any breed of dog other than pointing breeds during daylight hours, excluding bear and boar season, except as provided.

**Opossum, raccoon** - Same as the statewide season except closed at sunset the day before and during big game hunts. *Exception: Ocoee Bear Reserve hunts are sunset Dec. 19-Jan. 14 only.* .22 caliber short, long, and long rifle are the only legal weapons for raccoon hunting.

### **Big Game Hunts**

**Deer - boar - archery** - One 9-day hunt. Sep. 17-25. No hunter quota. One deer, either sex (bonus deer). One boar, either sex.

**Deer - boar - gun/archery - Young Sportsman** - One 2-day hunt. Oct. 8-9. No hunter quota. One deer, either sex (bonus deer). One boar, either sex. South of Ocoee River only.

**Deer - boar - gun/archery - Young Sportsman** - One 2-day hunt. Oct. 22-23. No hunter quota. One deer, either sex (bonus deer). One boar, either sex.

**Deer - boar - muzzleloader-archery** - One 3-day hunt. Oct. 28-30. No hunter quota. One deer, buck only (bonus deer). One boar, either sex.

**Deer - boar - gun/archery** - One 3-day hunt. Nov. 4-6. No hunter quota. One deer, buck only (bonus deer). One boar, either sex.

**Deer - boar - gun/archery** - One 9-day hunt. Nov. 19-27. No hunter quota. Two deer, buck only (bonus deer). One boar, either sex.

**Boar - gun/archery - dogs permitted** - Two 4-day hunts. Oct. 10-13, 14-17. No hunter quota. One boar, either sex. Between Ocoee River and Hiwassee River.

**Bear - boar - gun/archery - dogs permitted** - One 2-day hunt. Nov. 14-15. No hunter quota. One bear, either sex. One boar, either sex. Between Ocoee River and Hiwassee River.

**Bear - boar - gun/archery - dogs permitted** - One 14-day hunt. Dec. 1-14. No hunter quota. One bear per person per year. One boar, either sex. Between Ocoee River and Hiwassee River.

**Deer - boar - gun/archery** - One 10-day hunt. Nov. 28-Dec. 7. No hunter quota. Two deer, buck only (bonus deer). One boar, either sex. South of Ocoee River only.

## **SOUTH CHEROKEE - TELLICO UNIT**

**Trapping** - Jan. 1-Feb. 15.

**Dog Training** - Pointing breeds only during daylight hours excluding the bear and boar seasons. Dog training prohibited. Dogs may be used for squirrel hunting west of Hwy. 68 and north of the Ocoee River Jan. 1-Feb. 29.

### **Small Game Hunts**

**Dove, grouse, quail, rabbit, snipe, squirrel, waterfowl, woodcock** - Same as the statewide seasons, except no season shall open prior to Oct. 9. No spring squirrel season. Small game hunting prohibited at sunset the day before and during big game hunts. When specific portions of the Cherokee are hunted, this closure applies only to those specific areas, and the Tellico Bear Reserve during bear hunts. Dogs permitted for squirrel hunting west of Hwy. 68 and north of Ocoee River Jan. 1-Feb. 28. It is illegal to possess firearms with any breed of dog other than pointing breeds during daylight hours, excluding bear and boar season, except as provided.

**Opossum, raccoon - Tellico Unit** - Oct. 31-Nov. 13, Dec. 1-14, Dec. 19-Jan. 14. *Exception: Tellico Bear Reserve hunts begin at sunset Dec. 19-Jan. 14 only.* Raccoon hunters must meet legal fluorescent orange requirements during the bear season. .22 caliber short, long, and long rifle only legal weapon for raccoon hunting.

### **Big Game Hunts**

**Deer - boar - archery** - One 9-day hunt. Sep. 17-25. No hunter quota. Two deer, either sex (bonus deer). One boar, either sex.

**Deer - boar - gun/archery** - One 9-day hunt. Nov. 19-27. No hunter quota. Two deer, buck only (bonus deer). One boar, either sex.

**Deer - boar - muzzleloader/archery** - One 3-day hunt. Sep. 30-Oct. 2. No hunter quota. One deer, buck only (bonus deer). One boar, either sex.

**Deer - boar - gun/archery - dogs prohibited** - One 3-day hunt. Oct. 21-23. One deer, either sex (bonus deer). One boar, either sex. No hunter quota. Hunting confined to Tellico Bear Reserve.

**Deer - boar - bear - muzzleloader/archery** - One 3-day hunt. Dec. 16-18. No hunter quota. One deer, buck only (bonus deer). One boar, either sex. One bear, ei-

ther sex. Hunting confined to that area outside the Tellico Bear Reserve.

**Deer - boar - bear - gun/archery - Young Sportsman** - One 2-day hunt. Oct. 29-30. No hunter quota. One deer, either sex (bonus deer). One boar, either sex. One bear, either sex. Hunting confined to that area outside the Tellico Bear Reserve.

**Boar - gun/archery - dogs permitted** - Two 4-day hunts. Oct. 10-13, 14-17. One boar, either sex. No hunter quota. Hunting confined to that area outside the Tellico Bear Reserve and the party dog area.

**Bear - boar - gun/archery - dogs permitted** - One 2-day hunt. Nov. 14-15. One bear, either sex. One boar, either sex. No hunter quota. Hunting confined to that area outside the Tellico Bear Reserve and the party dog area.

**Bear - boar - gun/archery - dogs permitted** - One 14-day hunt. Dec. 1-14. One bear per person per season. One boar, either sex. No hunter quota. Hunting confined to that area outside the Tellico Bear Reserve and the party dog area.

**Boar - gun/archery - party dog hunt** - One 3-day hunt. Oct. 21-23. One boar, either sex. One party permitted in each of the following areas: Upper Tellico, Lower Tellico, Upper Bald River, Lower Bald River.

**Bear - boar - gun/archery - party dog hunts** - Two 2-day hunts. Oct. 6-7, Nov. 29-Dec. 30. One bear per person per season. One boar, either sex. One party permitted in each of the following areas: Upper Tellico, Lower Tellico, Upper Bald River, Lower Bald River.

**403-CHUCK SWAN STATE FOREST - SG, BG** - Located in Union/Campbell counties, near Maynardville. John Mike (865) 278-3248. 24,444 acres. Deer driving, loud noises, and harassment on all deer hunts is prohibited. Entering the WMA from Norris Lake during the deer and turkey hunts is prohibited. Guides prohibited on all hunts.

**Horses, ATVs, bicycles, non-licensed passenger vehicles and motorcycles** are prohibited on the main forest road. ORV, horseback riding, bicycles, and all other vehicles are restricted to roads marked "open to vehicular traffic." Speed limit is 25 mph. Organized competition events for motorized/non-motorized vehicles prohibited. Reckless operation of motorized and non-motorized vehicles prohibited. Reckless operation is defined as operating a vehicle in a reckless or negligent manner as to endanger the life, limb, or property of any person or damage TWRA property or developments. Maximum noise limit of 86 dBs for all motorized vehicles as measured at 50 feet from the exhaust.

**Firing range** - See page 56.

**Dove, rabbit, squirrel, waterfowl** - Same as the statewide seasons except small game hunting will close at

sunset the day before and during scheduled big game hunts unless otherwise specified.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs prohibited.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15 daylight hours only, pointing breed dogs prohibited.

**Raccoon** - Six 1-day hunts. Nov. 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18. Hunters must check out by 2:00 a.m. All raccoons must be checked out. One raccoon per party. Party defined as all the occupants of a single vehicle.

**Trapping** - (no raccoon) - Jan. 8-31. Quota 1 party per compartment. Trappers must apply at WMA office for permit. No snares or conibear traps. Trappers must report catch annually.

**Deer - Fall turkey - archery** - Two 2-day hunts. Oct. 14-15, 21-22. 800 hunter quota. One deer, either sex (bonus deer). One turkey, either sex.

**Deer - gun/archery - Young Sportsman** - One 2-day hunt. Oct. 29-30. 200 hunter quota. One deer, either sex. Deer count toward statewide bag limit.

**Deer - gun/archery** - Two 2-day hunts. Dec. 2-3, 9-10. 750 hunter quota. One deer, buck only (bonus deer).

**Deer - muzzleloader/archery** - One 2-day hunt. Nov. 25-26. 750 hunter quota. One deer, buck only (bonus deer).

**Fall turkey - shotgun/archery** - Three 2-day hunts. Sep. 30-Oct. 1, Oct. 7-8, Dec. 16-17. 125 hunter quota. One turkey, either sex.

**404-COVE CREEK - SG, BG** - Located in **Campbell** County. Region IV Office (423) 587-7037. 2,450 acres. Same as the statewide hunting and trapping seasons, except closed to quail and grouse hunting. Small game hunting and dog training closed at sunset the day before and during big game hunts. Closed Mar. 1-Aug. 26 except during the Spring turkey and Spring squirrel seasons where applicable.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 1

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**405-COVE MOUNTAIN - NP** - Located in **Sevier** County, lying south of Pigeon Forge and east of Wears Valley Road. Region IV Office (423) 587-7037. 1,220 acres. Same as the statewide hunting seasons unless noted below. Closed Mar. 1-Aug. 26 except during the Spring turkey and Spring squirrel seasons where applicable. No feral hog seasons.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 1

**Deer** - Same as the statewide seasons, except archery and all small game seasons are closed Oct. 22-23. Deer counts toward statewide bag.

**Boar** - Same as statewide deer seasons. Dogs prohibited except on the following hunts: Sep. 26-Oct. 2, Nov. 14-15, Dec. 1-14.

**Deer, boar - gun/archery - Young Sportsman only** -

One 2-day hunt. Oct. 22-23. No quota. One deer, either sex. Deer count toward statewide bag. One boar, either sex. Statewide archery season and all small game hunting closed during this hunt.

**Bear** - Same as Sevier County.

**406-DOE MOUNTAIN - NP** - Located in **Johnson** County. Region IV Office (423) 587-7037. 8,300 acres. Same as the statewide hunting and trapping seasons. Closed Mar. 1-Aug. 26 except during the Spring turkey and Spring squirrel seasons where applicable. Dog training Sep. 1-Mar. 1. Coyote hunting with dogs prohibited.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**Bear** - Same as Johnson County.

**Deer** - Same as the statewide seasons, except archery and all small game seasons are closed Oct. 22-23. Deer counts toward statewide bag.

**Deer - gun/archery - Young Sportsman only** - Oct. 22-23. No quota. One deer, either sex. Deer count toward statewide bag. Statewide archery season and all small game hunting closed during this hunt.

**407-FOOTHILLS - SG, BG** - Located in **Blount** Co. Bill Smith (865) 856-9711. 11,000 acres. Motorized vehicles and horseback riding prohibited. Dog training prohibited. From Mar. 1 to Aug. 31, the use of and/or possession of any tracking device for dogs is illegal.

**Dove, grouse, quail, rabbit, snipe, squirrel, trapping, waterfowl, woodcock** - Same as the statewide seasons. No spring squirrel season. Small game hunters must wear 500 square inches of blaze orange and use only shotguns during big game gun seasons.

**Opossum, raccoon** - Dec. 17-Feb. 15. Raccoon hunters must wear fluorescent orange during bear hunts.

**Deer - boar - no dogs permitted** - Same as the statewide deer seasons, except closed during Oct. 22-23 Young Sportsman hunt. Deer count toward statewide bag.

**Bear - boar - gun/archery - no dogs permitted** - One 2-day hunt. Nov. 26-27. No hunter quota. Bag limit same as statewide.

**Bear - boar - gun/archery - dogs permitted** - Sep. 26-Oct. 2, Nov. 14-15, Dec. 1-14. No hunter quota. Bag limit same as statewide.

**Deer, boar - gun/archery - Young Sportsman** - One 2-day hunt. Oct. 22-23. No hunter quota. One deer, either sex. Deer count toward statewide bag. One boar, either sex.

**408-FORKS OF THE RIVER - BG, SG** - Located in **Knox** County, east of Knoxville. Region IV Office (423) 587-7037. 450 acres. Shotguns and archery equipment only. No motorcycle and/or ATV riding. No target practice. Closed one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise except for raccoon and opossum hunters, and scheduled events. Bicycles are restricted to greenway trail from Sep. 1-Feb. 28. Paintball guns and accessories prohibited. All animals accompanied by a non-hunting person are required to be leashed.

**Dove** - Sep. 1, 3 and every day thereafter during the statewide dove seasons. Hunting from noon to sunset only on Sep. 1 and 3.

**Deer, quail, rabbit, snipe, squirrel, waterfowl, woodcock** - Same as the statewide seasons, except no spring squirrel season. Deer count toward statewide bag.

**Opossum, raccoon** - Nov. 4-16.

**Crow** - Sep. 3-Feb. 28 (Fri., Sat., and Sun. only).

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15.

**409-FORT LOUDOUN - NP** - The lands owned by the TVA and public waters of Fort Loudoun Reservoir in **Knox** County between TRM 638.5 and TRM 649.5 as posted. (423) 587-7037. Dog training prohibited.

**Waterfowl** - Same as the statewide season except open only on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, one half hour before sunrise until noon. Non-toxic shot size BBB or smaller required.

**410-HENDERSON ISLAND REFUGE - BG, SG** - Located in **Jefferson** County, on Douglas Reservoir. Region IV Office (423) 587-7037. 300 acres. Horses prohibited. Public use and all forms of trespass prohibited Nov. 16-Feb. 1 except as otherwise indicated. Public entry and fishing permitted while in the main river channel passing through the refuge. Shotguns only for small game hunting.

**Dove** - Sep. 1, 3, 5, 7 and 14. Hunting from noon to sunset.

**Squirrel** - Sep. 1-9, Oct. 10-30, Feb. 2-28.

**Quail, rabbit** - Feb. 2-28. Dogs allowed.

**Deer - shotgun/muzzleloader - Young Sportsman** - Three 1-day hunts. Sep. 10, 17, Nov. 5. 20 hunter quota. One deer, either sex (bonus deer). Sign-up for drawing will be held at the Jefferson County courthouse in Dandridge between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Aug. 6. Youths must be present at sign up and drawing.

**Deer - Fall turkey - archery** - Sep. 24-Oct. 9. Bag limit same as statewide. Deer count toward statewide bag.

**Raccoon** - Nov. 4-12.

**Dog training** - Feb. 2-28.

**Canada Goose** - Sep. 2, 4-9. Bag limit 5 geese per day.

**411-KYKER BOTTOMS REFUGE - SG** - Location in **Blount** Co. Bill Smith (865) 856-9711. 350 acres. Shotguns, muzzleloaders, and archery only. *All small game and turkey hunting is Young Sportsman (ages 6-16)/Adult only.* Each youth must be accompanied by a licensed adult, 21 years of age or older, who may also hunt except during the March 25-26 Young Sportsman turkey hunt. Non-toxic shot required for small game hunting. Closed to all use Nov. 1-Feb. 14 except in designated observation areas.

**Deer - archery** - Same as statewide except closed after Oct. 30. Deer count toward statewide bag.

**Dove** - Sep. 3-4, 10-11, Oct. 8-23. Shooting from staked positions on first come, first serve basis. Opens at noon each day.

**Grouse, snipe, squirrel, waterfowl, woodcock** - Same as statewide seasons except closed Nov. 1-Feb. 14.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide. Dogs allowed.

**Quail, rabbit** - Feb. 18-19, 25-26. Bag limit, 3 each per day.

**Raccoon** - Feb. 17-18, 24-25. Sunset to 12:00 a.m. Bag limit 3 per person.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Oct. 31, Feb. 15-Mar. 15. Daylight hours only.

**412-LICK CREEK BOTTOMS - SG, BG, WF** - Located in **Greene** County. Region IV (423) 587-7037. 934 acres. Nontoxic shot is required for small game hunting as posted. No blinds or decoys left overnight. Dove fields open as posted. Small game hunters must wear fluorescent orange during the deer gun hunts.

**Deer, opossum, quail, rabbit, raccoon, squirrel, trapping, Fall turkey, waterfowl, woodcock** - Same as the statewide seasons, except no spring squirrel season. No fox trapping. Deer count toward statewide bag.

**Dove** - Sep. 1, 3, 5 and the remainder of the dove season. Hunting from noon to sunset only on Sep. 1, 3, and 5.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15.

**JOACHIM BIBLE REFUGE UNIT** - That portion of Lick Creek WMA between Murray Bridge Road and Bibles Chapel Road. Dog training prohibited.

**Dove** - Sep. 1, 3, 5-23, Oct. 8-23. Hunting from noon to sunset only on Sep. 1, 3, and 5.

**Squirrel** - Sep. 12-Oct. 30, Feb. 15-28.

**Quail, rabbit** - Feb. 18-19, 25-26. *Hunting is Young Sportsman (ages 6-16)/Adult only.* Each youth must be accompanied by a licensed adult who may also hunt.

**413-NOLICHUCKY - SG, BG, WF** - Located in **Greene** County, ten miles south of Greeneville. Region IV (423) 587- 7037. 1,000 acres. Area closed to all hunting and access from Byrds Bridge Access Area to the Nolichucky Dam one week before and during

the late duck season.

**Dove** - Sep. 1, 3, 5 and 10. Hunting from noon to sunset only.

**Deer, grouse, opossum, quail, rabbit, raccoon, snipe, squirrel, Fall turkey, woodcock** - Same as the statewide seasons except closed one week before and during the late duck season. Deer count toward statewide bag.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar.15, daylight hours only.

**Waterfowl** - Same as the statewide seasons except closed one week before and during the late duck season.

**414-RANKIN** - SG, BG - Located in **Cocke** County. Region IV (423) 587-7037. 1,255 acres. Shotguns only for small game hunting. No blinds or decoys left overnight. Spring squirrel season is closed.

**Deer, dove, grouse, opossum, quail, rabbit, raccoon, snipe, squirrel, trapping, Fall turkey, waterfowl, woodcock** - Same as the statewide seasons. Waterfowl hunting allowed during deer seasons. Small game hunters (except waterfowl) must meet legal fluorescent orange requirements during big game hunts. Deer count toward statewide bag.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15.

**415-ROYAL BLUE** - SG, BG - Located in **Campbell/Scott** counties 35 miles north of Knoxville. 50,000 acres. Stan Stooksbury (423) 566-8557. All users should be aware that hazards associated with mining (deep and strip) exist on this area.

**Public use is allowed** during all hunts. During daylight hours all users outside of an enclosed vehicle or outside of camp must wear, on the upper portion of their body and head, a minimum of 500 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange, visible front and back, during the deer-gun and muzzleloader seasons. No person shall remove minerals, including coal, trees, plants (including vines), or building stones from the area without specific authorization.

**Camping** is allowed on the entire area. Night time use by the general public and raccoon hunters is permitted area wide.

**ORV, horseback riding, bicycles, and all other vehicles** are restricted to roads marked "open to vehicular traffic." (See page 3 for Special Use Permit information.) Speed limit is 25 mph. Organized competition events for motorized/non-motorized vehicles prohibited. Reckless operation of motorized and non-motorized vehicles prohibited. Reckless operation is defined as operating a vehicle in a reckless or negligent manner as to endanger the life, limb, or property of any person. Maximum noise limit of 86 dBs for all

motorized vehicles as measured at 50 feet from the exhaust.

**Ginseng season** - Aug. 15-Dec. 31.

**Grouse, opossum, rabbit, raccoon, snipe, squirrel, Fall turkey, waterfowl, woodcock** - Same as the statewide seasons except closed Mar. 1-Aug. 27 except for spring squirrel season.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs prohibited.

**Trapping** - Same as the statewide seasons except no beaver trapping.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 1.

**Deer** - Same as the statewide Unit B seasons. Deer count toward statewide bag.

**416-SUNDQUIST** - Sg, BG - Located in **Anderson, Campbell and Scott** counties. 73,000 acres. Stan Stooksbury (423) 566-8557. All users should be aware that hazards associated with mining (deep and strip) exist on this area.

**Public use is allowed** during all hunts. During daylight hours all users outside of an enclosed vehicle or outside of camp must wear, on the upper portion of their body and head, a minimum of 500 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange, visible front and back, during the deer-gun and muzzleloader seasons. No person shall remove minerals, including coal, trees, plants (including vines), or building stones from the area without specific authorization.

**Camping** is allowed on the entire area except for the Cumberland Trail Corridor. Night time use by the general public and raccoon hunters is permitted area wide.

**ORV, horseback riding, bicycles, and all other vehicles** are restricted to roads marked "open to vehicular traffic." (See page 3 for Special Use Permit information.) Speed limit is 25 mph. Organized competition events for motorized/non-motorized vehicles prohibited. Reckless operation of motorized and non-motorized vehicles prohibited. Reckless operation is defined as operating a vehicle in a reckless or negligent manner as to endanger the life, limb, or property of any person. Maximum noise limit of 86 dBs for all motorized vehicles as measured at 50 feet from the exhaust.

**Ginseng season** - Aug. 15-Dec. 31.

**Grouse, opossum, rabbit, raccoon, snipe, squirrel, trapping, waterfowl, woodcock** - Same as the statewide seasons except closed Mar. 1-Aug. 27 except for spring squirrel season.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs prohibited.

**Deer** - Same as statewide Unit B season. Deer count toward statewide bag.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 1.

**417-TELLICO LAKE - SG, BG** - Located on Tellico Lake in Monroe County. David Whitehead (423) 884-6767. 8,000 acres. Field trial permit required.

**Deer, dove, grouse, opossum, quail, rabbit, raccoon, snipe, squirrel, Fall turkey, waterfowl, woodcock** - All areas except Chota, McGhee-Carson and Niles Ferry units are same as the statewide seasons. Deer counts toward statewide bag. No blinds or decoys left overnight.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide except prohibited on McGhee-Carson and Niles Ferry units. Dogs allowed.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15

**McGHEE-CARSON UNIT** (That peninsula of Fort Loudoun Historic Park at Little Tennessee River Mile [LTRM] 21.0). *All small game hunting is Young Sportsman (ages 6-16)/Adult only.* Each youth must be accompanied by a licensed adult, 21 years of age or older, who may also hunt. **Dove** - Sep. 5. Shooting from staked positions on first come, first serve basis. Opens at noon.

**Rabbit, squirrel - shotgun/archery** - Each Saturday and Sunday during the statewide seasons except closed during scheduled field trials and big game hunts. No Spring squirrel season. Adults who accompany a young sportsman may hunt.

**Deer - shotgun - Young Sportsman** - One 1-day hunt. Nov. 5. 35 hunter quota (bonus deer). One deer, either sex.

**Wheelchair-bound hunt** - Each wheelchair-bound hunter must have appropriate licenses and permits.

**Deer - shotgun/archery - wheelchair-bound** - One 2-day hunt Nov. 19-20. No hunter quota. One deer, either sex (bonus deer).

**Field trials - rabbit, quail** - Sep. 1-April 15. Trials must be scheduled with area manager and special field trial permit obtained from the Region IV office (423-587-7037) at least 30 days prior to trial dates. Field trial gallery must be kept out of standing or planted crops by marshals provided by sponsoring club.

**Field trials - retriever** - Year-round in designated areas only. Trials must be scheduled with area manager and special field trial permit must be obtained from the Region IV office (423-587-7037) at least 30 days prior to trial dates.

**Horses** - Permitted except on freshly planted and standing crops and special areas as posted.

**Dog training** - Year-round, except closed during field trials and big game hunts.

**CHOTA REFUGE UNIT** (That portion from LTRM 26.0 upstream to the Hiwassee-Alcoa Powerline at LTRM 29.7).

**Deer, dove, grouse, opossum, quail, rabbit, raccoon, snipe, squirrel, waterfowl, woodcock** - Same as the statewide seasons except all seasons and access closed Nov. 1-Feb. 14. Dove hunting in fields as posted. Non-toxic shot required. Deer count toward statewide bag. **Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide, dogs allowed.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15 except closed Nov. 1-Feb. 14.

**Field trials** - Feb. 15-Oct. 31. Trials must be scheduled with area manager and special field trial permit must be obtained from the Region IV office (423-587-7037) at least 30 days prior to trial dates.

**NILES FERRY UNIT** (That portion of the Niles Ferry Industrial Park at LTRM 18.0 as posted). Access by Industrial Road only. Dog training prohibited.

**Small game** - Falconry only. Jan. 1-Feb. 28.

**Dove** - Sep. 1, 3, 5 opens at noon. Sep. 10 and 11 open one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. Hunting allowed only in fields as posted.

**Deer - shotgun/muzzleloader - Young Sportsman** - Four 1-day hunts. Nov. 5, 6, 12, 13. 35 hunter quota. One deer, either sex (bonus deer). Access by Industrial Road only. Sign-up for drawing will be held at the Tellico Lake WMA office between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Oct. 2. Youths must be present at sign up and drawing. Office entrance is located off Hwy. 360 approximately 2 miles east of Vonore.

**WEARS BEND UNIT** (That portion of Tellico Reservoir Development Agency Industrial Park at LTRM 18.0).

**Deer, dove, grouse, opossum, quail, rabbit, raccoon, snipe, squirrel, waterfowl, woodcock** - Same as the statewide seasons. Deer count toward statewide bag.

**Spring squirrel** - Same as statewide season. Dogs allowed.

**Dog training** - Sep. 1-Mar. 15 in designated areas only.

**Horses** - Permitted, except in freshly planted and standing crops and special areas as posted.

**418-WHITES MILL REFUGE - NP** - Located in Blount County. Bill Smith (865) 856-9711. 53 acres. Closed to all forms of public use, including all forms of trespass, from Nov. 1-Feb. 15, except as otherwise indicated. Horseback riding prohibited.

**Dog training** - Feb. 15-28.

**Bullfrog** - July 1-Aug. 31, gigs only.

# PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS

Today Tennessee's hunters are fortunate to have access to almost 63,000 acres of public hunting lands. These public areas are a cooperative effort between the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency and the various landholding companies to provide public hunting with the landowner setting, collecting and administering permits and the TWRA enforcing the rules and regulations governing these areas. Seasons are open same as statewide seasons.

People who use these public hunting areas can help ensure that these properties remain open by assuming some personal responsibility. Never litter or abuse the land. Some areas have been closed because of complaints from neighboring landowners about "slob hunters" and in an effort to reduce littering. Public lands are important to hunters and non-hunters alike, so all users should work to maintain a good relationship with the owners.

**Heartwood PHA** - (formerly Graham PHA) Over 7,000 acres located in Perry County. A permit is required. Cost is \$15.00 for adults and \$12.50 for persons under 16 and over 65. For more information, contact the TWRA Region I office (731) 423-5725. Permits can be purchased at the following businesses:

Main Street Market - Lobelville

Sanders Market - Linden

**Ataya PHA** - 51,000 acres in Campbell and Claiborne counties. For more information contact Resources Management Inc. at (606) 248-2235. Permits and maps can be purchased at the following businesses:

Southern Outdoors - Tazewell

Tuttles Grocery - Arthur

Rigsby's - Tazewell

The Sports Shop - LaFollette

Smokies - White Oak

Kinfolk Market - Clairfield

Johnsons Auto - Clairfield

## REGULATIONS

**Permits** (On Public Hunting Areas where required, as per agreement.)

- (a) Before any person may hunt on a Public Hunting Area he or she must possess a valid and appropriate hunt permit purchased from a Public Hunting Area permit agent. This permit must be available for inspection while on the area.
- (b) A Public Hunting Area permit is subject to cancellation if the permittee violates any of the rules and regulations of the area.

### General

Use, possession or transportation of firearms, bows and

arrows or other weapons is expressly prohibited except during times when they may be legally used for hunting.

### Safety Rules

- (a) The hunter's permit is subject to cancellation if he or she is found to be careless with firearms and no permit fee refund will be made.
- (b) No hunt participant shall be in possession of any alcoholic beverage, narcotic drug, barbiturate, or marijuana while hunting within a Public Hunting Area. No person may be under the influence of these substances while hunting on a Public Hunting Area.
- (c) Firearms loaded with ammunition in either the chamber or magazine may not be transported in or on motorized vehicles. Exception: muzzleloaders may be transported in a loaded condition if the percussion cap or primer is removed from the nipple or tube. Flintlock muzzleloaders must have the priming powder removed from the pan, the frizzen open and the vent plugged.
- (d) Hunting is specifically prohibited inside safety zones on all Public Hunting Areas.

### Miscellaneous

- (a) All motorized vehicles must be muffler equipped to suppress noise and be spark arrestor equipped to prevent fires. Operation of motorized vehicles is confined to roads not designated as closed and driving off road into woods, fields, strip mines, foot trails, and utility rights-of-way is prohibited.
- (b) Vehicles shall not be parked in any manner which will block or deny access to any road or trail.
- (c) The use of wire, nails or other metal materials is prohibited in the building or attaching of climbing devices or hunting stands on or in trees. Hunting is prohibited from any stand attached to a tree with these materials. Portable climbing devices and stands that do not injure trees are excepted from this rule.
- (d) No person shall deface, damage, destroy or remove any equipment, structure, sign, trees, plants, dirt or gravel from any Public Hunting Area without proper authorization.
- (e) No garbage, refuse, litter or sewage shall be left or deposited on a Public Hunting Area.
- (f) The use of buckshot for hunting is specifically prohibited.
- (g) Open fires are prohibited on all Public Hunting Areas.
- (h) Other miscellaneous uses of Public Hunting Areas shall be in accordance with posted notices and/or as indicated on the hunt permit.

# OTHER HUNTING LANDS

## Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area -

Permit required for feral hog hunting during the Jan. 18-Feb. 28, 2006 season (no dogs allowed). For information about hunting and obtaining a feral hog hunting permit call Big South Fork NRRA at (423) 569-9778 or the BSFNRRRA Bandy Creek Visitor Center at (423) 286-7275.

## Fort Campbell - (270) 798-2175

**Hartsville Generating Site** - (no crossbows) For permit information, contact Ralph Jordan or Phyllis Daigle at: TVA Resource Stewardship, P.O. Box 1589, Norris, TN 37828. Phone: (800) 882-5263.

**Holston Army Ammunition Plant** - (423) 579-6276

**Milan Army Ammunition Plant** - (731) 686-6682

**Tims Ford State Park Hunttable Lands** - Permit required, available at the Park Office. Same seasons and regulations as Owl Hollow Mill WMA (see page 39). All deer hunting is closed after Dec. 16. For more information call (931) 962-1184.

## FEDERAL REFUGES

Federal refuge seasons and regulations may be different from the ones listed in this guide. Contact the individual refuge for their specific seasons and regulations.  
*Chickasaw National Wildlife Refuge* ..... (731) 635-7621  
*Cross Creeks Natl. Wildlife Refuge* ..... (931) 232-7477  
*Lower Hatchie Natl. Wildlife Refuge* ..... (731) 635-7621

*Hatchie National Wildlife Refuge* ..... (731) 772-0501

*Reelfoot and Lake Isom National*

*Wildlife Refuges* ..... (731) 538-2481

*Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge* ..... (731) 642-2091

## PRIVATE WILDLIFE PRESERVES

Individuals lawfully hunting captive wildlife on a wildlife preserve are not required to have a hunting license.

**Upland game birds:** Open year-round, no limit

**Waterfowl:** Mar. 15-Oct. 15, no limit

**Big game (hogs, non-native hoof stock only):** Open year-round, no limit. Elk, red deer and mule deer harvested on wildlife preserves are subject to CWD testing.

**Small game mammals (fenced enclosures only):** Open year-round, no limit

**The taking of bobcat is specifically prohibited.**

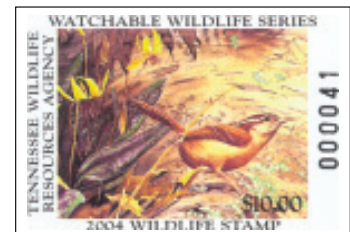
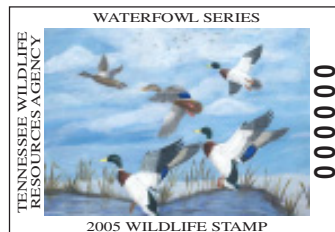
Hunting native populations of wildlife on wildlife preserves shall be the same as the statewide hunting seasons. The hunting and taking of black bear is strictly prohibited on a wildlife preserve. Hunters must possess the appropriate licenses and permits when hunting native populations.

## MISCELLANEOUS

Other TWRA lands not proclaimed as a WMA or refuge are open with statewide seasons unless otherwise indicated.

## WILDLIFE STAMPS AVAILABLE

Each stamp measures 1-3/8" x 2", is numbered and printed in full color. Possession of the stamp is voluntary and is not required to hunt. Funds from the sale of the stamp will be used for habitat improvement. Stamps sell for \$11.00. Several stamps are not pictured here. Please contact the TWRA Revenue Division, 615-781-6585, and request an order form. Order forms are also available at the TWRA website, [www.tnwildlife.org](http://www.tnwildlife.org).



# TWRA FIRING RANGES

## REGION I

**Natchez Trace State Park Firing Range** - Contact Natchez Trace State Park office (731) 968-3742.

**Shelby County Hunter Education Training Facility and Firing Range** - Fee required. Contact Chris Park (901) 213-3124.

## REGION II

**Cheatham WMA Firing Range and Archery Range** - Open as posted. Use or possession of alcoholic beverages prohibited. Randy Cromer (615) 792-4510.

**Stones River Hunter Education Center** - Fee required. 2618 Hobson Pike, Antioch, TN. Contact Tim Turrentine (615) 641-8896.

## REGION III

**Catoosa WMA** - Peavine Checking Station and Genesis Checking Station ranges. Open Apr. 1-Jan. 31, except during deer archery hunts and turkey hunts. Jim Lane (931) 456-2479.

**Prentice Cooper WMA** - Rifles, muzzleloaders, shotguns with slugs, and handguns only. Open Thursdays through Mondays, daylight hours only. Rob Klippel (423) 658-0298.

## REGION IV

**John Sevier Hunter Education Center** - 2327 Rifle Range Road, Knoxville. Fee required. Tommy Whitehead (865) 594-6279 or <http://community.knoxville.com/235>. Pistol/rifle/archery ranges open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sundays 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Shotgun ranges open Saturday and Sunday 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Tuesday 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

**Chuck Swan WMA Firing Range** - John Mike (865) 278-3248. Closed during big game hunts.

**Royal Blue Firing Range** - Located on Flatwoods Road. Stan Stooksbury (423) 566-8557.

**North Cherokee WMA** - Fee required, daylight hours only.

Jacobs Creek - Denton Valley Road, Sullivan Co. (423) 735-1500

Pond Mountain - Hwy. 321, Carter Co. (423) 735-1500

Scioto - Scioto Road, Unicoi Co. (423) 735-1500

Bubbling Springs - Hwy. 107, Cocke Co. (423) 638-4109



Look Out!  
Low Bird!

Last year  
30 people  
per 100,000  
were injured  
while playing  
badminton.\*

### Compare that to hunting.

Hunting related firearms injuries are at an all-time low at 6 per 100,000 participants.

In fact, you are safer in the woods with a loaded firearm and other hunters, than you are driving to or from your hunting destination!

The International Hunter Education Association is involved, not only with the prevention of hunting injuries, but is also responsible for educating today's hunters on the basics of hunting responsibilities, ethics, landowner relations and more. The IHEA also serves as a clearing house of information and ideas concerning wildlife conservation.

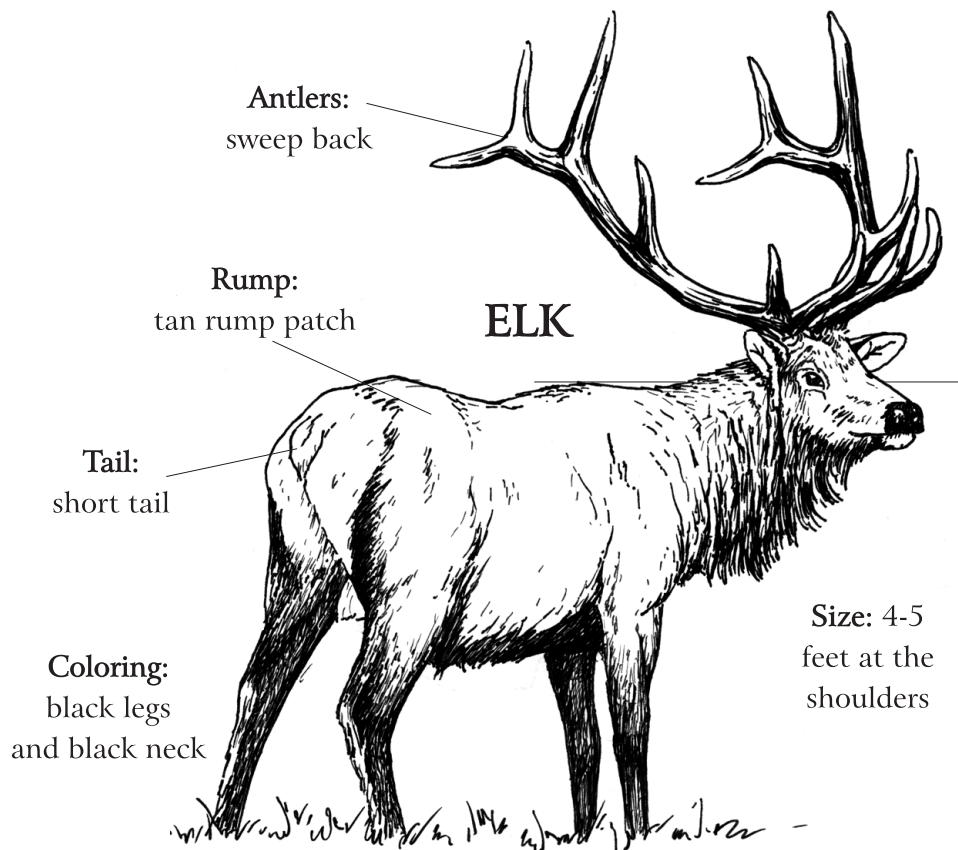
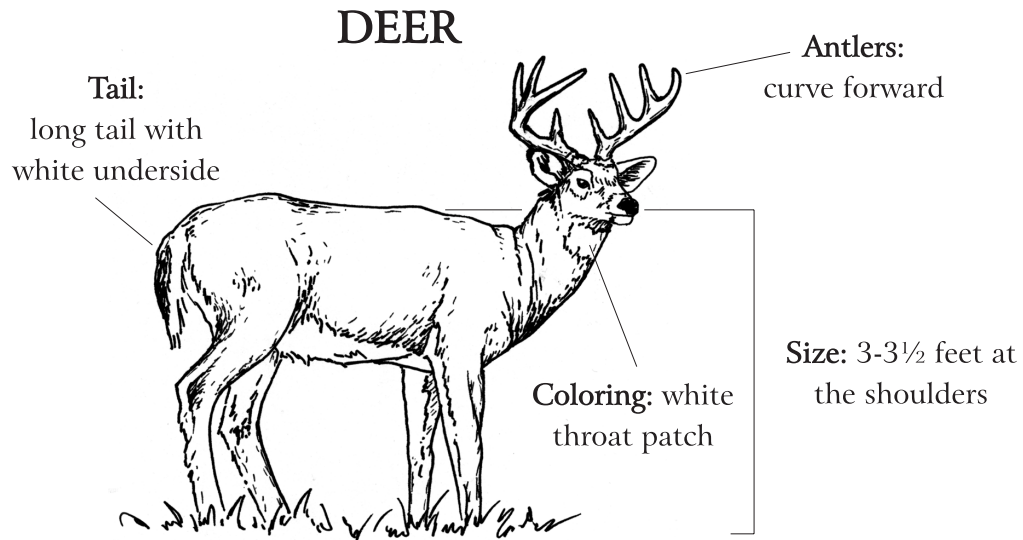
The IHEA has over 70,000 volunteer instructors and 69 member agencies worldwide. Please visit our website and see what you can learn and how you can make a difference.

\* Source: National Safety Council, 1994



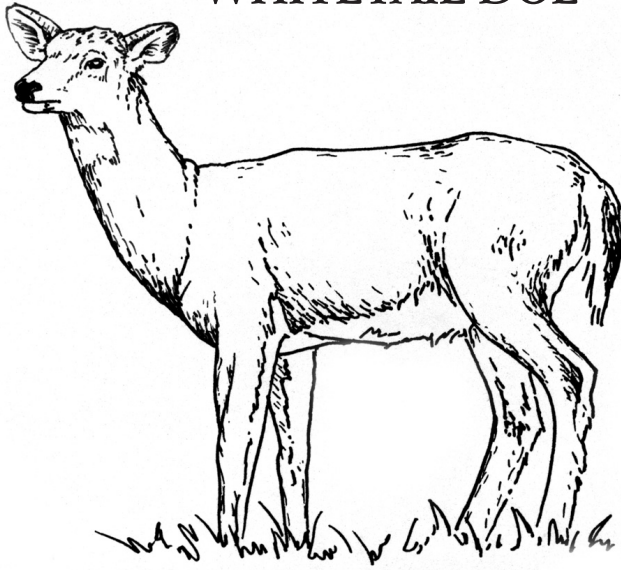
THE MISSION OF THE IHEA IS TO CONTINUE  
THE HERITAGE OF HUNTING WORLDWIDE  
BY DEVELOPING SAFE, RESPONSIBLE  
AND KNOWLEDGEABLE HUNTERS.

# Similarities and Differences between Elk and Whitetailed Deer

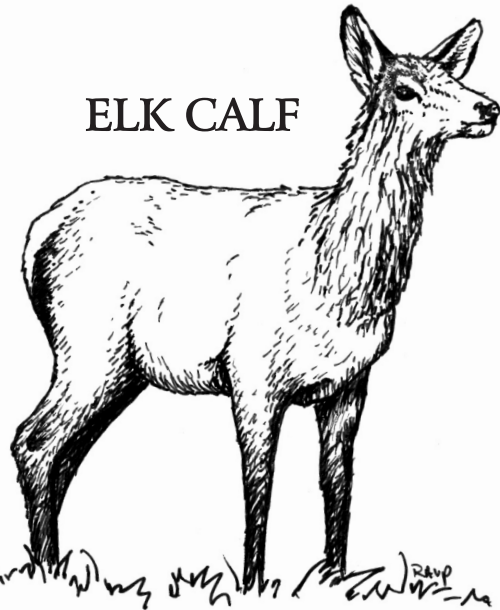


Persons convicted of illegally killing a wild elk are subject to \$2,500 in fines and/or up to 11 months in jail.

## WHITETAIL DOE



## ELK CALF



### DEER FAWNS vs. ELK CALVES

1. Elk usually give birth to just a single calf. Deer often give birth to twins.
2. At birth, an elk calf weighs anywhere from 19 to 45 pounds. A whitetail deer fawn usually weighs only 4 to 6 pounds at birth.
3. Both elk calves and whitetail fawns are spotted for the first few months of life.
4. Don't always depend on size to differentiate between elk and deer. A five to six month old elk calf will be the same size as an adult whitetail doe.

#### ANTLERS:

ELK antlers sweep back  
DEER antlers curve forward

#### TAILS:

ELK have a short tail  
DEER have a long tail with white underside

#### COLORING:

ELK have a tan rump patch, black legs and black neck  
DEER have legs the same color as their bodies and a white throat patch

#### SIZE:

ELK stand 4-5 feet at the shoulders, adults weigh 500 lbs. or more  
DEER stand 3-3½ feet at shoulders, adults weigh up to 250 lbs.

### CLOSED HUNTING SEASON ON ELK IN TENNESSEE

The TWRA is four years into a plan to reintroduce elk to the North Cumberland Plateau region of Eastern Tennessee. This is a cooperative effort between the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Parks Canada, U.S. Forest Service, Land Between the Lakes, Tennessee Conservation League, Campbell County Outdoor Recreation Association and the University of Tennessee. A total of 167 elk have been released on the Royal Blue and Sundquist wildlife management areas. The elk have been obtained from Elk Island National Park, Alberta, Canada and Land Between the Lakes, Kentucky. Plans call for future releases. No dates have been set.

Hunters are reminded that they should make a positive identification of their quarry before taking a shot. If in doubt, don't shoot.

# THE TENNESSEE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION

---

R. B. “Buddy” Baird ..... Term of Office: 2001-2007  
211 South Depot Street  
Rogersville, TN 37857  
423-272-0301

*Represents District #1:* Carter, Claiborne, Cocke, Jefferson, Johnson, Grainger, Greene, Hamblen, Hancock, Hawkins, Sullivan, Unicoi, Washington.

Governor Phil Bredesen (Ex-Officio Member)  
State Capitol  
Nashville, TN 37243  
615-741-2001

Michael Chase ..... Term of Office: 2005-2011  
P. O. Box 50370  
Knoxville, TN 37950  
865-522-8526

*Represents District #2:* Anderson, Blount, Campbell, Cumberland, Knox, Loudon, Morgan, Roane, Scott, Sevier, Union.

Johnny Fred Coleman ..... Term of Office: 2005-2011  
9190 Bradford Hicks Drive  
Livingston, TN 38570  
931-823-7345

*Represents District #3:* Clay, DeKalb, Fentress, Grundy, Jackson, Macon, Overton, Pickett, Putnam, Smith, Trousdale, Van Buren, Warren, White.

William W. Cox ..... Term of Office: 2001-2007  
P. O. Box 9  
Collierville, TN 38027  
901-853-2264

*Represents District #9:* Fayette, Hardeman, Haywood, Lauderdale, McNairy, Shelby, Tipton.

Thomas Edwards ..... Term of Office: 2003-2009  
1085 Herrondale Road East  
Paris, TN 38242  
731-642-4186

*Represents District #7:* Benton, Carroll, Decatur, Hardin, Henderson, Henry, Perry.

Commissioner James Fyke  
Dept. of Environment & Conservation  
401 Church Street  
Nashville, TN 37243  
615-532-0104  
*Represents:* Statewide.

Commissioner Ken Givens  
TN Department of Agriculture  
P.O. Box 40627

Nashville, TN 37204

615-837-5202

*Represents:* Statewide.

Mike Hayes ..... Term of Office: 2005-2011  
3330 State Route 21E  
Tiptonville, TN 38079  
731-253-0111

*Represents District #8:* Chester, Crockett, Dyer, Gibson, Lake, Madison, Obion, Weakley.

Tom Hensley ..... 2005-2007  
72 Villagewood Drive  
Jackson, TN 38305  
731-668-4800  
*Represents:* Statewide.

Gary Kimsey ..... Term of Office: 2003-2009  
615 Highway 68  
Sweetwater, TN 37874  
423-337-3522

*Represents District #4:* Bledsoe, Bradley, Hamilton, Marion, McMinn, Meigs, Monroe, Polk, Rhea, Sequatchie.

Boyce C. Magli ..... Term of Office: 2003-2009  
P. O. Box 448  
Franklin, TN 37065  
615-794-5484

*Represents District #6:* Cheatham, Dickson, Giles, Hickman, Houston, Humphreys, Lawrence, Lewis, Maury, Montgomery, Stewart, Wayne, Williamson.

Jeanette Rudy ..... Term of Office: 2001-2007  
2730 Pennington Bend Road  
Nashville, TN 37214

*Represents District #5:* Bedford, Cannon, Coffee, Davidson, Franklin, Lincoln, Marshall, Moore, Robertson, Rutherford, Sumner, Wilson.

Hugh T. Simonton, Jr. .... Term of Office: 2001-2005  
211 Old Fulton Road  
Henning, TN 38401  
731-738-1061  
*Represents:* Statewide.

# Free Wildlife Newsletter!

Get the most current information concerning TWRA programs, seasons, hunting and fishing regulations and other material of interest to sportsmen e-mailed directly to you.  
Visit the TWRA website to register.

[www.tnwildlife.org](http://www.tnwildlife.org)



# WANT MORE QUAIL, RABBITS, AND SONGBIRDS ON YOUR FARMLAND?

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) have an array of conservation programs to provide technical and financial assistance to help improve habitat for these declining wildlife species on your farmland. Habitat improvements for these species also benefit many other wildlife species. For more information contact:

## USDA – Natural Resources Conservation Service

West TN – Mike Hansbrough 731-668-0700 x112

Middle TN – Chris Wolkonowski 615-893-9295 x112

East TN – Robin Mayberry 865-523-3338 x113

## Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency

Statewide – Mark Gudlin or Tim White 615-781-6610

### Regional Biologists

Region I (West TN) – 1-800-372-3928 or 731-423-5725

Region II (Middle TN) – 1-800-624-7406 or 615-781-6622

Region III (Cumberland Plateau) – 1-800-262-6704 or 931-484-9571

Region IV (East TN) – 1-800-332-0900 or 423-587-7037

Dickcissel photo by W.A. Paff



Courtesy of Cornell Lab of Ornithology

*Brochures on the USDA Conservation Programs and TWRA's "Farm Wildlife Habitat Program" can be viewed and downloaded at*

[www.tnwildlife.org/wildlife/habitatmgmt](http://www.tnwildlife.org/wildlife/habitatmgmt)